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A BATTLE ANGEL ALITA™ GRAPHIC NOVEL

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TIPHARES
THE SCRAPYARD
DOCTOR DAISUKE IDO
CHIEF BIGOTT
OPERATOR LOU COLLINS
SCIENTIST DESTY NOVA
BATTLE ANGEL ALITA

THE STORY THUS FAR...

When Doc Ido, a talented cyborg physician, found Alita, she had lost all memory of her past life. But when he reconstructed her, she discovered her body still instinctively remembered the *Panzer Kunst*, the most powerful cyborg fighting technique ever known!

Alita's second lease on life hasn't been easy. Her heart was broken when she fell in love with Hugo, a young man who dreamed of moving to Tiphares, the utopian city which floats tantalizingly above their bleak world of the Scrapyard. For a time, Alita gained some solace from her work as a Hunter-Warrior, a bounty hunter for the Factory (the giant corporation that governs the Scrapyard), and as a champion in Motorball, a life-and-death sport.

Then Alita committed a capital offense—firing a hand gun. She did it to save the Scrapyard from annihilation, but the Factory was unforgiving, and Alita was sentenced to death! Then, in the eleventh hour, she was granted a reprieve—if she agreed to become a member of the "Tuned," the elite force of Tiphares, her life would be spared.

Alita has served Tiphares well, under the control of her eager-to-please "operator" Lou Collins. Her first assignment: protect a nuclear-powered train from the infamous brigands known as Barjack. En route, she managed to catch the eye of a brash, handsome mercenary, despite her intimidating nickname "Angel of Death." Unfortunately, Barjack, led by their ruthless centaur leader Den, succeeded in stealing the train she was bound to protect.

Now Alita is on a quest to find her surrogate father, Doc Ido. Mad scientist Desty Nova was responsible for his death, and has promised to resurrect him. But Den and his followers stand in her way...

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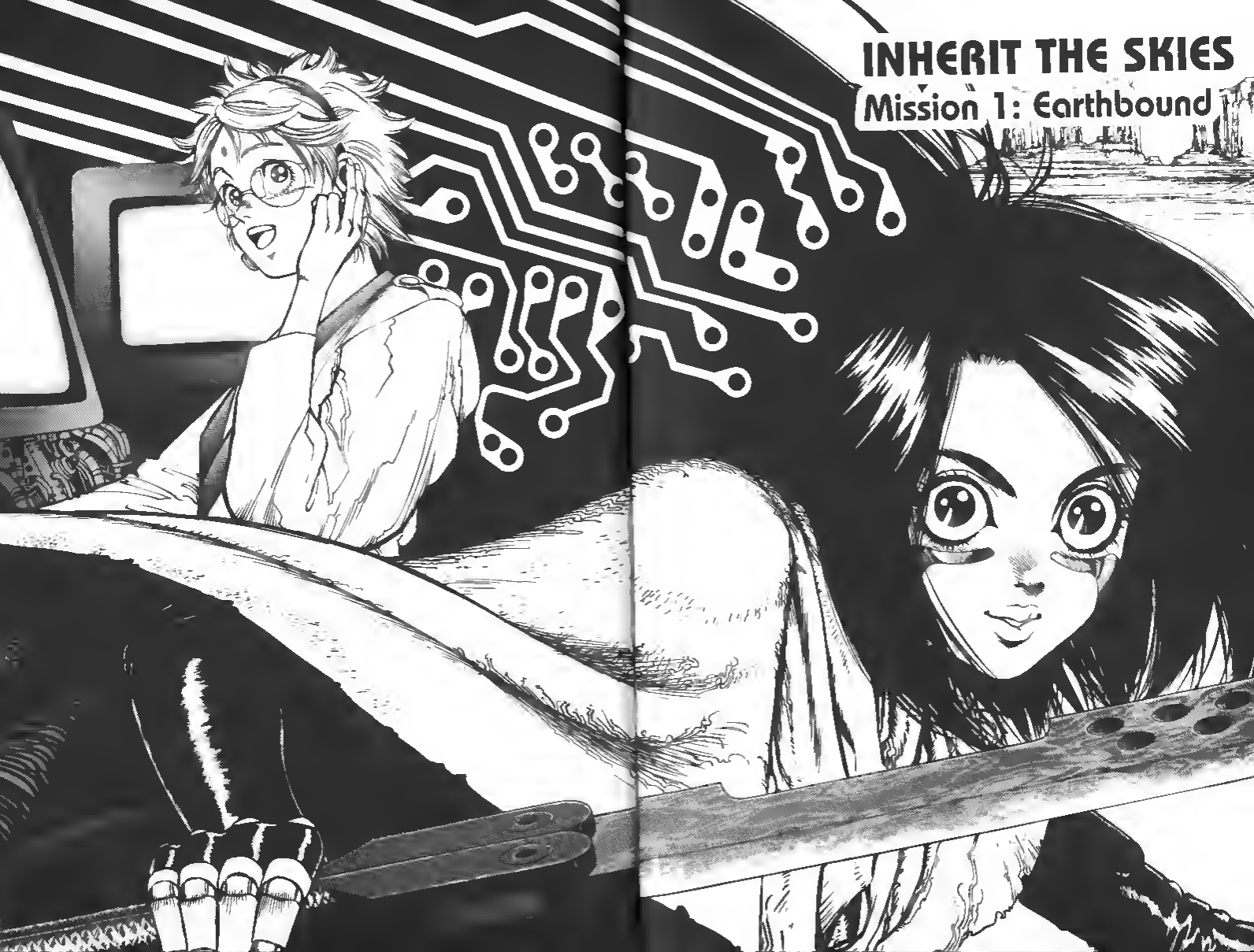
ALHAMBRA
FUP
FUP
IT'S A PROMISE, THEN!
YOU COME BACK HERE TO ME ONCE YOUR WORK IS DONE— AND I'LL BE WAITING FOR YOU HERE!
I PROMISE TO COME BACK DON'T WORRY...
SPACK
DON'T YOU CHEAT ON ME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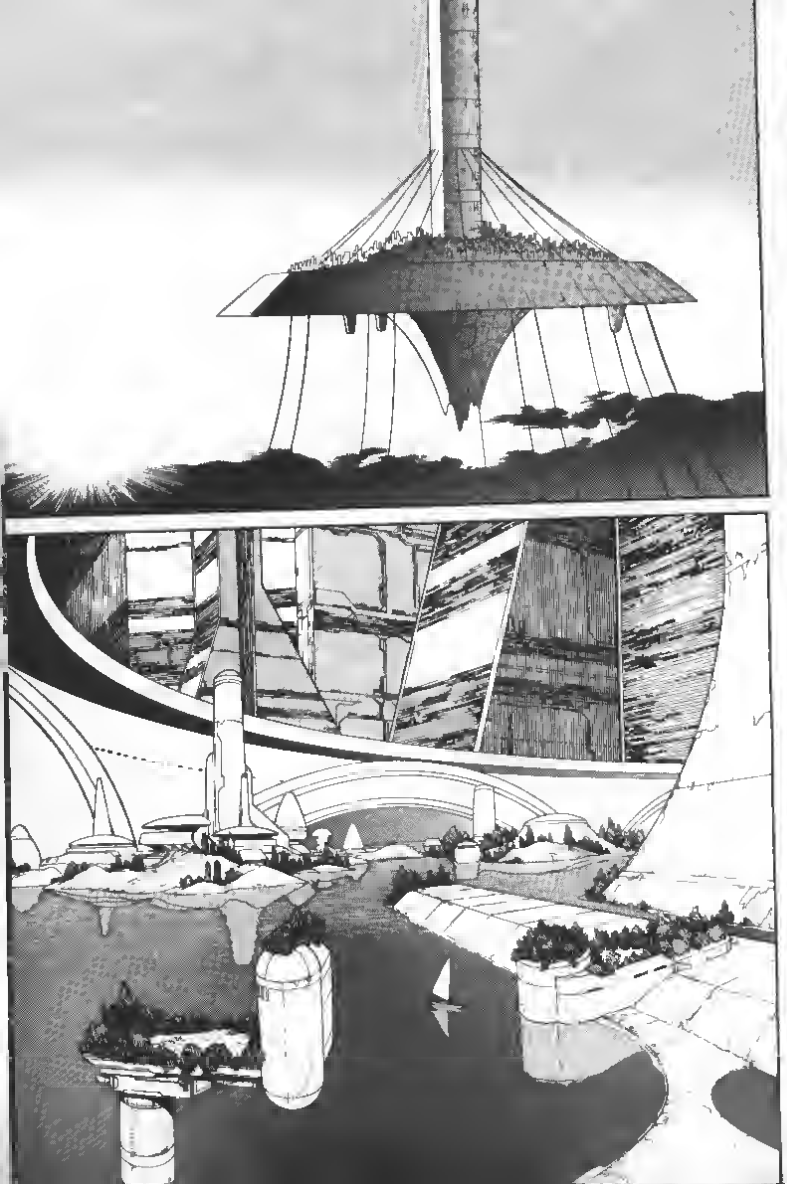

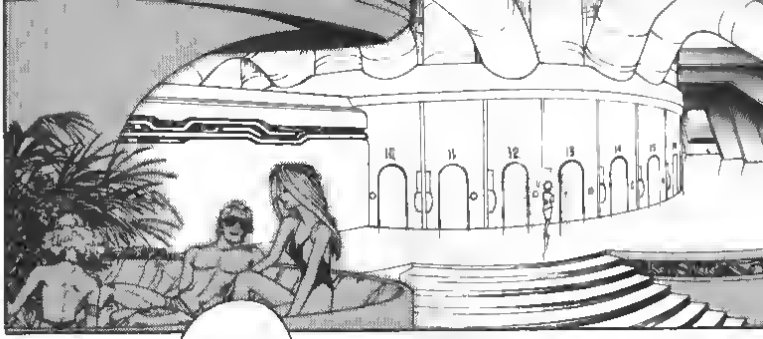

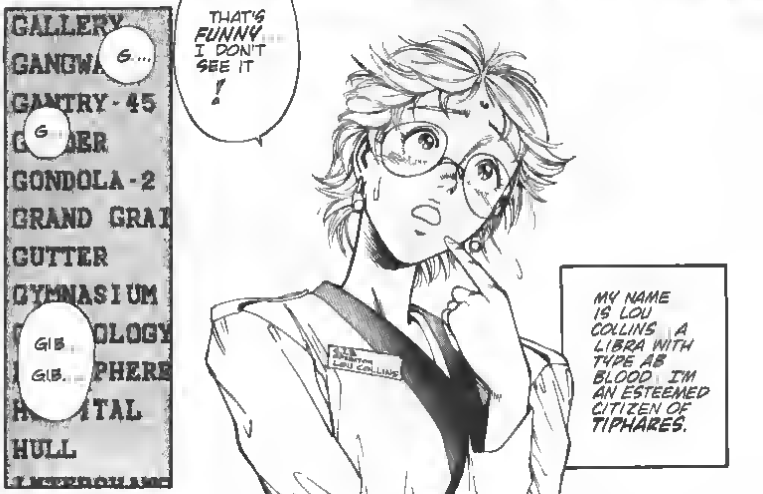
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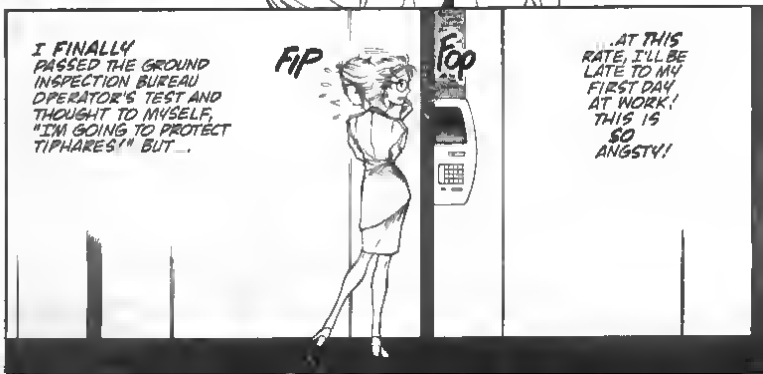
GANGWA
GANTRY - 45
GONDOLA - 2
GRAND GRA
GUTTER
GYMNASIUM
HULL
G...
G
GIB.
GIB.
THAT'S FUNNY. I DON'T SEE IT!
MY NAME IS LOU COLLINS. A LIBRA WITH TYPE AB BLOOD. I'M AN ESTEEMED CITIZEN OF TIPHARES.


I FINALLY PASSED THE GROUND INSPECTION BUREAU OPERATOR'S TEST AND THOUGHT TO MYSELF, "I'M GOING TO PROTECT TIPHARES!" BUT...
FIP
FOOP
...AT THIS RATE, I'LL BE LATE TO MY FIRST DAY AT WORK! THIS IS SO ANGSTY!

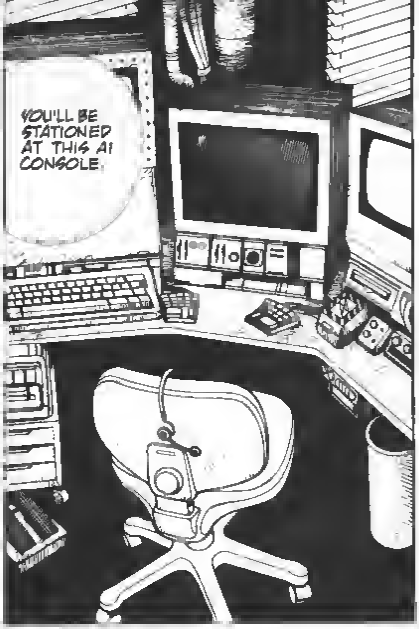
EEP!
BMP
OH! UM... I'M SO SORRY!
AT LEAST I CAN ASK HIM FOR DIRECTIONS...
.....
THE GLB ?
I'LL SHOW YOU THE WAY.. COME ALONG
OH, WHAT LUCK! LOOKS KIND OF COLD, BUT HE'S A SWELL GUY.
OH.. AREN'T WE TAKING THE ELEVATOR ?
I THOUGHT.
IT'S THIS WAY
BUT THIS IS A MAINTENANCE STAIRWELL...
KNG
KNG

BAWOOO
SHE IS
YEEEK...
SHE
WH-WHERE IS THIS MAN TAKING ME...?
SC-SCARY...!
HEH, HEH, HEH-- THIS SHOULD BE FAR ENOUGH...
HUH !?
NOOO! SOMEBODY HELP--!
GUAHAHAHA! IT'S USELESS TO SCREAM!
SKLRKP
RUPPP

WE'RE HERE
B.I.B.
PUSH
WH--!
KYAAAAH! STAY BACK, YOU PERV!
TUKKA
I DID NOT!
UGHHH
THE BUREAU CHIEF-- HARASSING A NEW EMPLOYEE!?
WHAT'S GOING ON?
YEEEEE
SLAM

CH-CHIEF...?
H-HOW DO YOU DO! I'M THE NEW OPERATOR ASSIGNED..
BNOF
I KNOW...
.G.I.P.
AND JUST SO THERE'S NO MISUNDERSTANDING...
CLK
...I'M A MAN'S MAN-- GOT IT? NO INTEREST IN WOMEN!
BAM
GAAAAA
WAAAAAAH! I MADE A DISASTROUS FIRST IMPRESSION!
THERE, THERE..

WOW! WHAT A-A COOL OPERATOR'S ROOM!
BE HONEST-- IT'S TIGHT IN HERE
EEEEK! IT'S DARK...! IT'S CRAMPED...! IT'S COLD...!
THIS IS NOTHING LIKE I IMAGINED...!
WHERE IS EVERYBODY? AREN'T THE OTHER OPERATORS HERE YET?
TRUTH IS, YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE.
GRRRR!!
AS MORE TUNED AGENTS COME ON-LINE, WE PLAN TO RECRUIT SOME MORE...
SURPRISED? HIGH-LEVEL POLITICS AND LEGAL BALLYHOO-- WE CAN'T BE BOTHERED! SO OUR OPERATION HERE HAS TO BE A TAD UNDERCOVER...
SOMEDAY I'LL TELL YOU ALL THE DETAILS...
C-CAN WE AT LEAST GET BETTER LIGHTING IN THE STAIRWELL?
UM... I GUESS WE SHOULD, HUH?

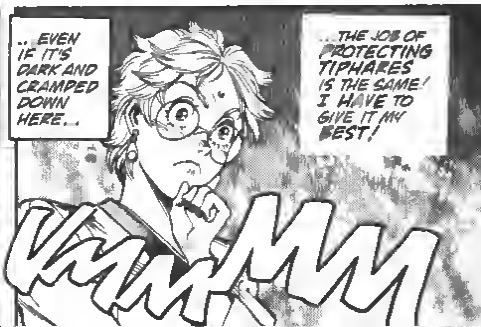

YOU'LL BE STATIONED AT THIS AI CONSOLE.

HELLO THERE... I'M LOU.
UM... WHO ARE YOU TALKING TO?
TO MR. SPIDER HERE...
...I JUST LOVE THEIR CUTE LITTLE EYES!

YOU WERE AT THE TOP OF YOUR CLASS IN THE SIMULATIONS-- BUT NOW YOU'LL BE DEALING WITH A REAL PERSON.
KOFF

ALITA IS A CYBORG.. AND SHE LIVES IN A WORLD VERY DIFFERENT FROM OURS
...BUT PLEASE-- TREAT HER AS JUST ANOTHER HUMAN WITH FEELINGS WHEN YOU WORK WITH HER

WELL, I'LL LEAVE YOU TO IT.
GOT IT.
ANY QUESTIONS, FEEL FREE TO ASK ME...


...EVEN IF IT'S DARK AND CRAMPED DOWN HERE...
...THE JOB OF PROTECTING TIPHARES IS THE SAME! I HAVE TO GIVE IT MY BEST!
VMMMM

ALL I KNOW ABOUT ALITA IS FROM HER RECORDS AND RECORDINGS, BUT...
...SHE HAS TO BE A VIRGO... PROBABLY BLOOD TYPE B...NO, MAYBE TYPE O?
A CAT-LIKE SENSE OF INDEPENDENCE! STUBBORN! CONFIDENT! INCREDIBLY PROUD! A TAKE-ME-AS-YOU-SEE-ME ATTITUDE, BUT SHY IN A WAY!
NO PROPENSITY TO CHANGE HER WAYS, ACTS BEFORE THINKING, AND IS OUTRIGHT REBELLIOUS AT TIMES!
SHE'S BEEN THROUGH A LOT OF TOUGH TIMES.
I WONDER WHAT DRIVES HER TO FIGHT...? A HELLISH FURY...? DEFIANCE AGAINST HER OWN DESTINY...? OR...?

THERE I GO AGAIN! WHY DOES MY IMAGINATION WANDER OFF SO MUCH?!
PMP
PMP
OKAY, LOU, GET WITH IT!
IT'S NOT EXAGGERATING TOO MUCH TO SAY THAT THE FUTURE OF TIPHARES LIES IN THIS FIRST CONTACT!
FIRST
WE
EEEEN
HERE GOES...

HOW DO YOU DO?
I'M LOU COLLINS, YOUR NEW OPERATOR
I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU
.....
UHHM...
ALITA? HELLO?

YOU'RE AWAKE, AREN'T YOU? I CAN TELL FROM YOUR BRAIN WAVES...!
-SNIFF- PLEASE DON'T BE MEAN TO ME
CAN'T WE JUST BE FRIENDS ?
SHE MUST BE PICKING ON THE NEW KID! PLEASE DON'T DO THIS
OH YEAH! THE EMERGENCY SHOCK SWITCH...
SHOCK
TOO EXTREME? IF I USE THIS..
...IT MIGHT PUT A RIFT BETWEEN ME AND ALITA FOR LIFE!
FROM THE LOOKS OF IT, THE BUTTON'S WORN OUT
THE PREVIOUS OPERATOR MUST HAVE USED IT A LOT...
...SHE'S NO PAVLOV'S DOG

I WAS WATCHING THE SKY...
HUH ?

WHAT DID YOU SAY?
SINCE DAWN... I'VE BEEN WATCHING THE SKY TURN..

FROM THE DARKNESS OF NIGHT TO A DEEP BLUE I'VE NEVER SEEN SO CLEAR..
TRANSFIXED BY THE BEAUTY OF THE ATMOSPHERE, PASSING THROUGH ITS INFINITE GRADATIONS OF COLOR.

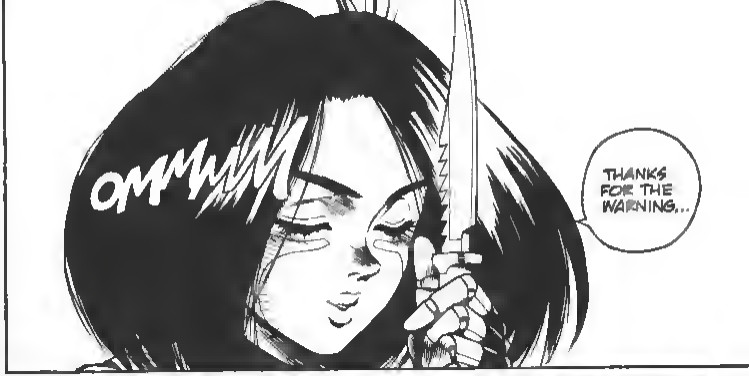
UM OKAY!

THEN, LIKE MAGIC, THE BLUE FROM THE SKY FELL UPON ME

I WAS NO LONGER ALITA--JUST ONE WITH THE SKY-BLUE COVERING THE WORLD, OVERFLOWING...!
MY BODY, IT BURST INTO SHARDS.. AND MY HEART, LEFT ALONE, CLIMBED INTO THE HEAVENS, ACCELERATING. . AT LEAST, THAT'S WHAT IT FELT LIKE!
AND FOR A FEW SECONDS--OR HOURS...I DON'T KNOW--I EXPERIENCED SOMETHING... BIZARRE AND POWERFUL...
I THINK MAYBE I UNDERSTAND NOW...
ALL THE PEOPLE I'VE MET, THE THINGS I'VE DONE..I COULD NEVER FULLY COMPREHEND IT BEFORE... THE SADNESS..BUT...

NOW I KNOW. NOTHING IN THIS LIFE IS WITHOUT MEANING...
...AND DEATH HIDES THE ANGELS IT MAKES... IN BLUE SKY...

SHE'S SO... SPIRITUAL!
UM.. LET ME INTRODUCE MYSELF AGAIN. I'M LOU COLLINS.
HMM ?
I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU, LOU.
YES! I'LL DO MY VERY BEST.!
YAY! SHE'S TALKING TO ME!
BEEP!
SOMETHING ON THE HEAT SENSORS...
ENEMY !?
ALITA... UM ..!
I KNOW
I SENSE FOUR.. NO FIVE
SKILLED TOO. .DO THEY PLAN TO ASSASSINATE ME?


OMMMM
THANKS FOR THE WARNING...

FOR WHAT PURPOSE WERE YOU BORN.?

WAS IT TO BE KILLED BY ME?

IS THAT WHY WE'VE MET ?
CH
ING
HEY, OPERATOR! GET WITH IT!
WAAAH! I'M SORRY!
SO SCARY!
WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO?
YOU DUMMY! PLENTY OF THINGS--- LIKE CHECKING FOR GAS OR BOOBY TRAPS...!

RIO PAA
PUPPA
SHS SHS SHS
LICE PROBES ※
ONE OF THE SPECIAL TOOLS OF THE TUNED, THIS SEA-LOUSE-SHAPED PROBE, EQUIPPED WITH VARIOUS SENSORS, MOVES ON THE GROUND, CHECKING TERRAIN FOR BOOBY TRAPS AND MINES. IT'S UNABLE TO GATHER INFORMATION WITHOUT BEING LINKED TO THE COMPUTERS IN TIPHARES.
DATA COMING THROUGH
BEEP
BEEP
THERE ARE TRAPS ALL OVER THE PLACE!
BEEP
I'M SUPER-IMPOSING THE MARKERS ONTO YOUR VISUALS
TIPPA TAP
KASHIK
DANGER BOOBY TRAP T 7
DANGER BOOBY TRAP T 1
DANGER BOOBY TRAP T 2
DANGER BOOBY TRAP T 4
DANGER BOOBY TRAP

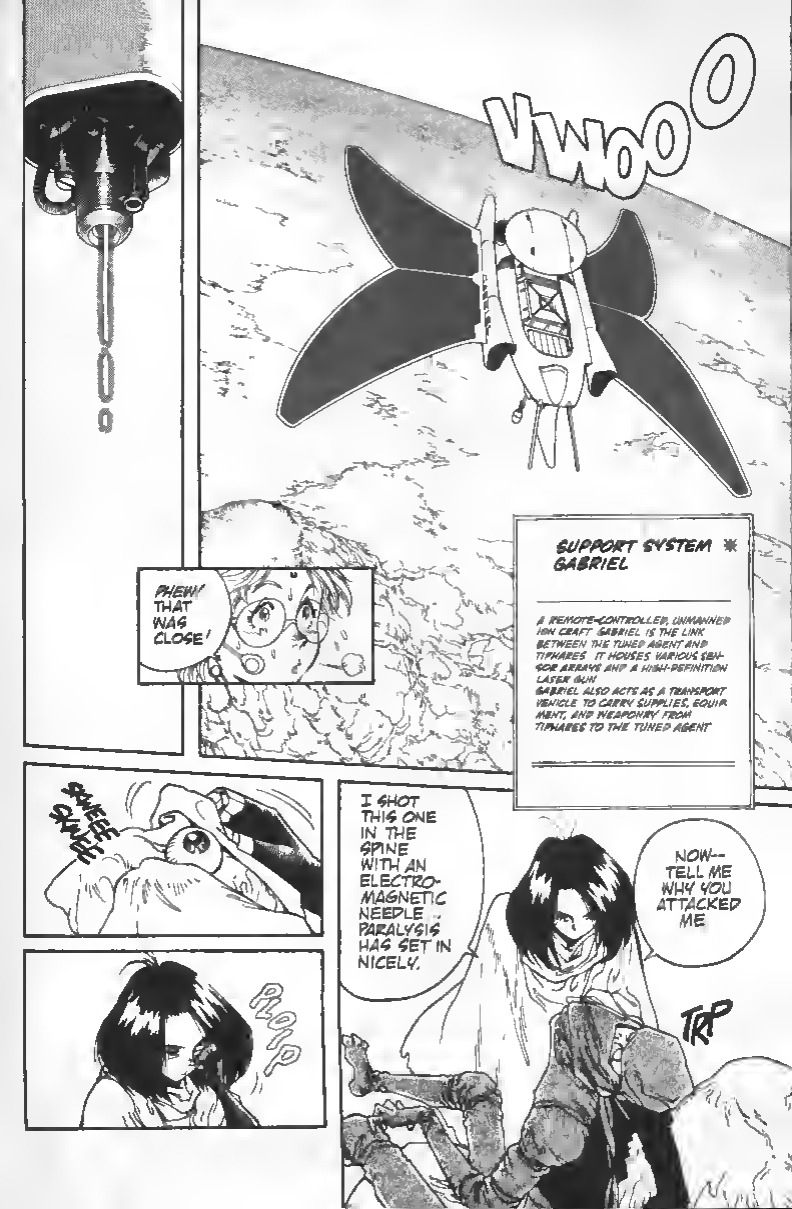
*MASHIRA: ARCHAIC WORD MEANING "MONKEY"

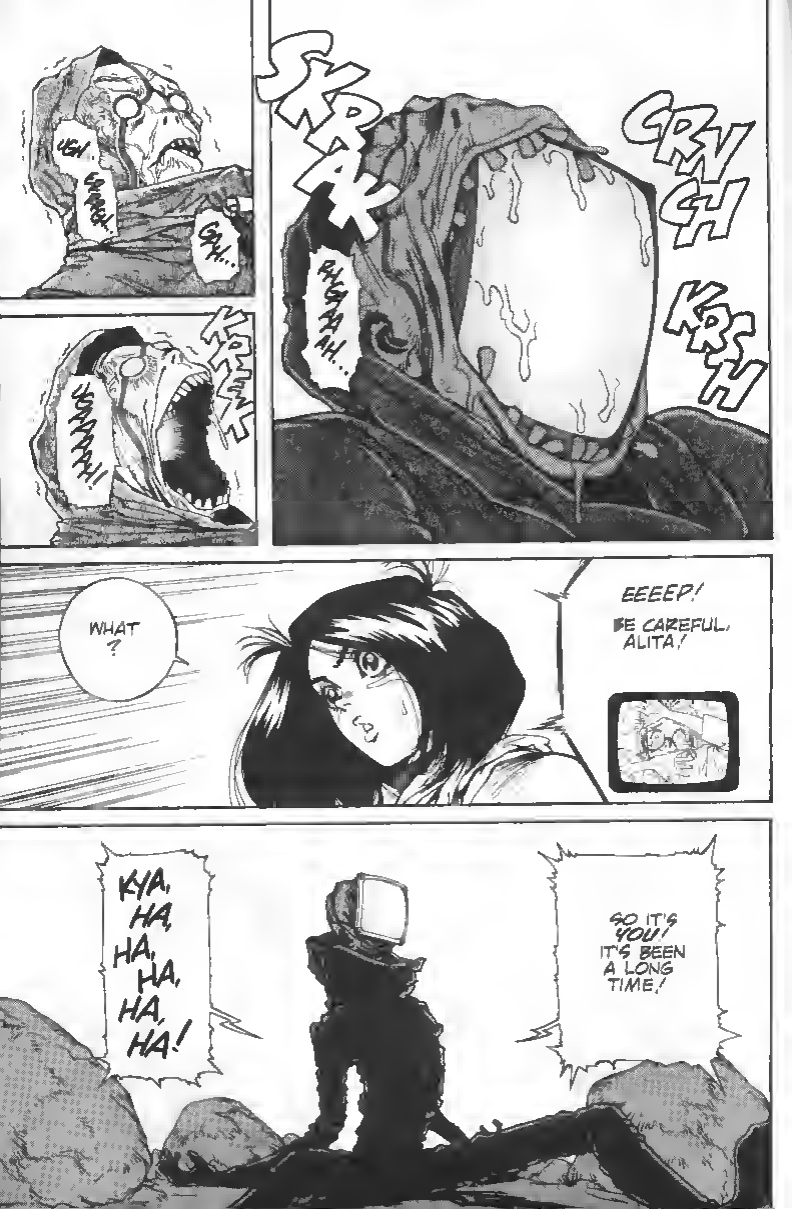
ULTRASONIC ✻ IMAGING

ONE OF THE STANDARD ABILITIES OF THE TUNED, AIDED BY THE MASTER COMPUTER. TRANSDUCERS LOCATED IN ALITA'S THROAT SEND OUT AN ULTRASONIC PULSE. ECHOES FROM THESE PULSES ARE TRANSFORMED INTO VIDEO IMAGES AT THE RATE OF 60 FRAMES A SECOND. NOT ONLY CAN IT PROVIDE EXTERIOR VIEWS, BUT INTERIORS OF OBJECTS AS WELL.

KPING
KRUNK
KRANG
WHUD

GOT HER!
ZASH!
SHRUP
GAH!

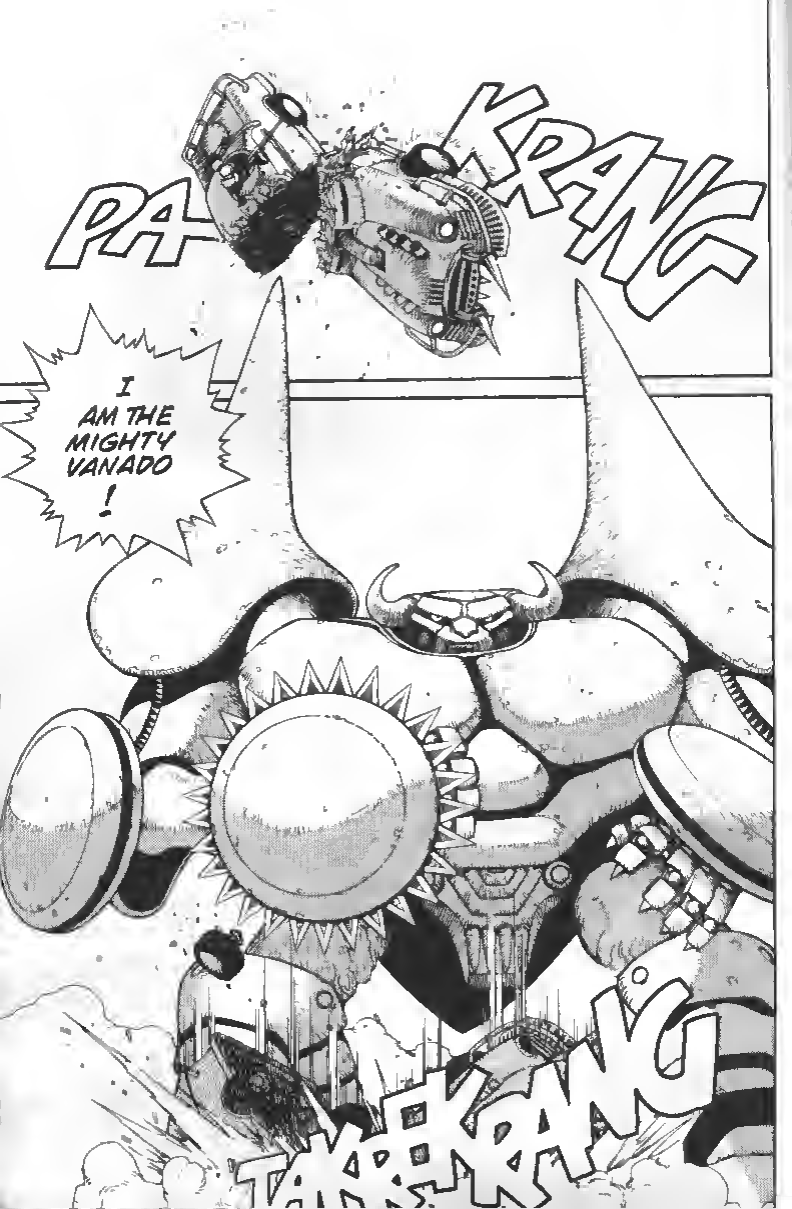

VWOOO
PHEW! THAT WAS CLOSE!
SUPPORT SYSTEM * GABRIEL
A REMOTE-CONTROLLED, UNMANNED ION CRAFT. GABRIEL IS THE LINK BETWEEN THE TUNED AGENT AND TIPHARES. IT HOUSES VARIOUS SENSOR ARRAYS AND A HIGH-DEFINITION LASER GUN.
GABRIEL ALSO ACTS AS A TRANSPORT VEHICLE TO CARRY SUPPLIES, EQUIPMENT, AND WEAPONRY FROM TIPHARES TO THE TUNED AGENT.
SKREEE SKREEE
I SHOT THIS ONE IN THE SPINE WITH AN ELECTRO-MAGNETIC NEEDLE... PARALYSIS HAS SET IN NICELY.
NOW-- TELL ME WHY YOU ATTACKED ME
PLOP
TRP


UGH
GURGL
GH...
SKRAK
AHHHH...
CRNCH
KRSH
KLANK
YAAAAH!
WHAT ?
EEEEP!
BE CAREFUL, ALITA!
KYA, HA, HA, HA, HA, HA!
SO IT'S YOU! IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME!

LET'S SEE TEN YEARS, EIGHT MONTHS, AND SIXTEEN DAYS, I BELIEVE HOW ARE YOU, ALITA?
OR SHOULD I SAY, "TUNED AGENT A1"?
DESTY NOVA!
SO THIS IS PROFESSOR NOVA!?
THIS ISN'T A RECORDING! IT'S A REAL-TIME BROADCAST VIDEO. I'M TRACING IT NOW!
I THOUGHT YOU DIED FIGHTING THE BERSERKER ALL THOSE YEARS AGO, BUT... MMM-MM... YOU ARE A TOUGH ONE, AREN'T YOU?
SKRCH
YOU PROMISED ME...

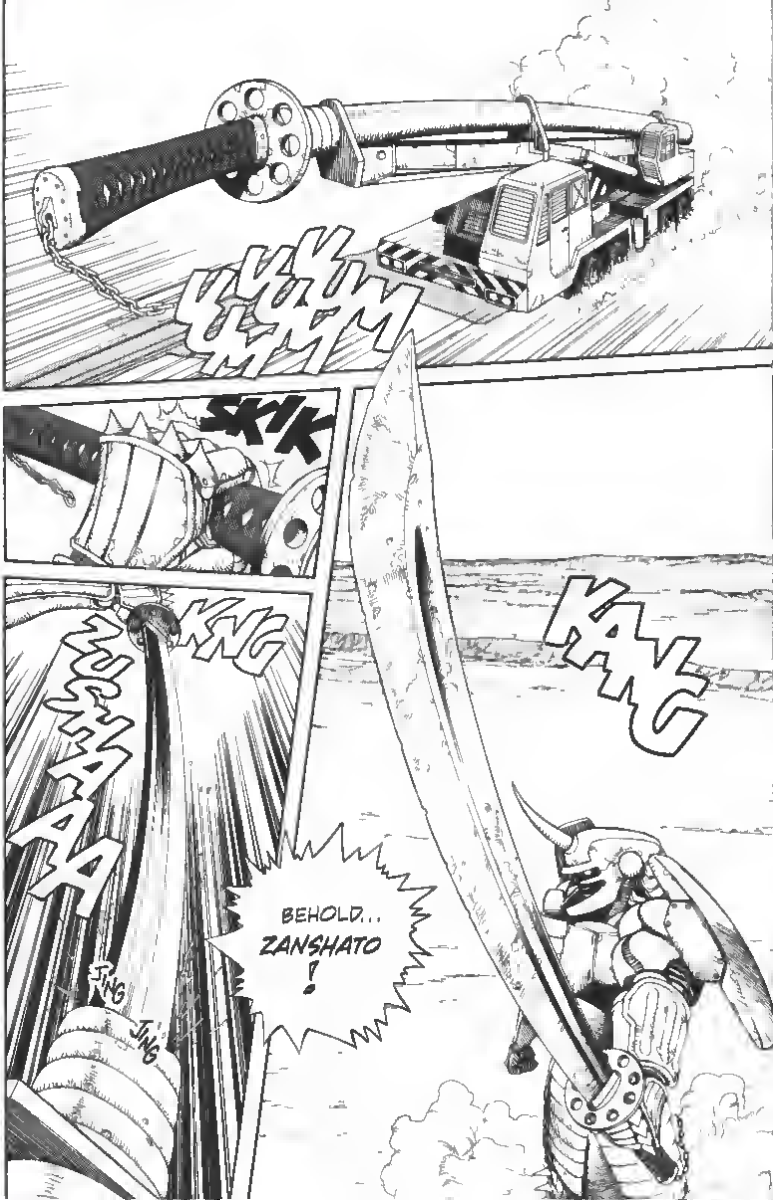
..THAT YOU'D RESURRECT IDO!
LET ME SEE HIM! NOW!
DON'T WORRY. YOU'LL SEE HIM-- EVEN-TUALLY..
BUT I WONDER... WILL HE WANT TO SEE YOU..?
WHAT!?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN!?
IF YOU WANT TO CAPTURE ME, AI ALITA, YOU'LL HAVE TO DEFEAT DEN OF BARJACK FIRST
HIGH!
ZZZ

DEN. .
SHAAA
VRRRM
VRRR
VOOM
VRRR


PA-KRANG
I AM THE MIGHTY VANADO !

VANADO HERE HAS FOUGHT 306 UNDEFEATED BATTLES WITH 74 TITLE DEFENSES AS THE GREATEST COLISEUM CHAMPION!
THERE'S NO ONE LEFT TO FIGHT HIM IN THE SCRAPYARD, SO WE HAVE COME HERE TO CHALLENGE DEN FOR THE ONE MILLION CHIP BOUNTY ON DEN'S HEAD!
I CHALLENGE YOU TO A DUEL, DEN OF BARJACK!
VOOO

I NEVER REFUSE A CHALLENGE!
KANG KANG
HE'S ACCEPTED! HEH, HEH!
MAKE SURE YOU GET IT ALL ON FILM!
"THE BATTLE OF THE CENTURY! THE MIGHTY VANADO VERSUS THE DEMON KING OF THE PLAINS, DEN!" WE'LL MAKE A FORTUNE!
ZMMM
TH-THAT'S DEN?
I HEARD HIS LOWER TORSO WAS A HORSE-- BUT IT AIN'T!


SKIK
KNG
ZUSHAAA
JING
JING
BEHOLD..
ZANSHATO
!
KANG

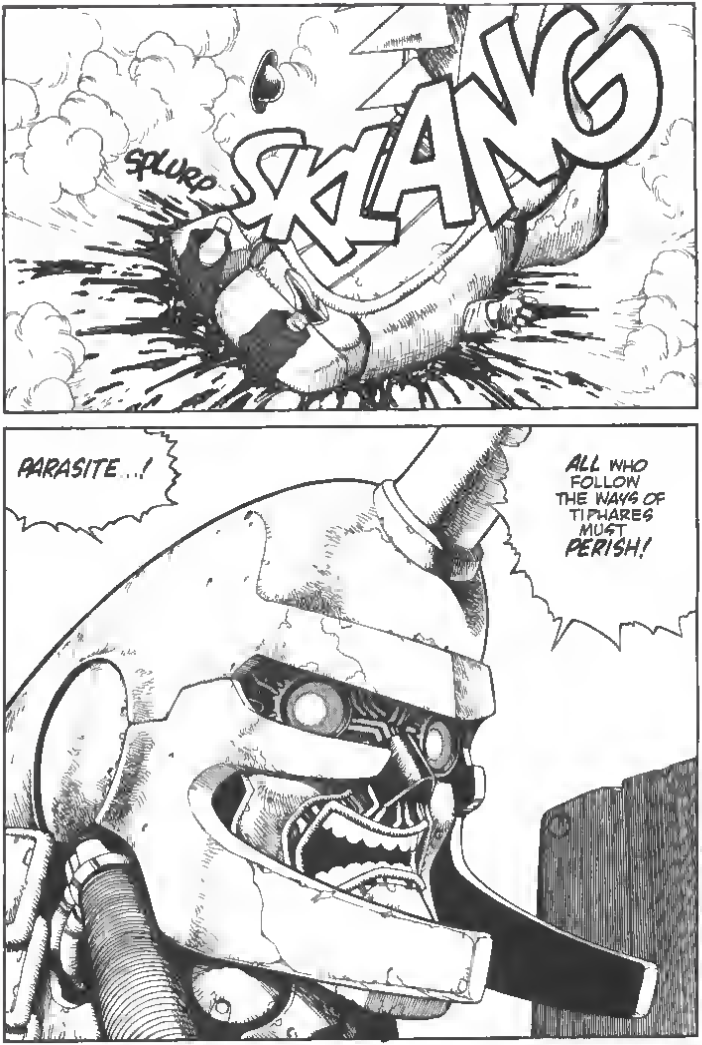
HMPH! WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH A SINGLE BLADE THAT WEIGHS SEVERAL TONS!?
ZEEM
ZEEM
ZEEM
MY RATCHET WHEELS CAN CUT INTO YOU FROM FOUR DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS!
BLEENG
BLEENG
ZEEE
ZEEE

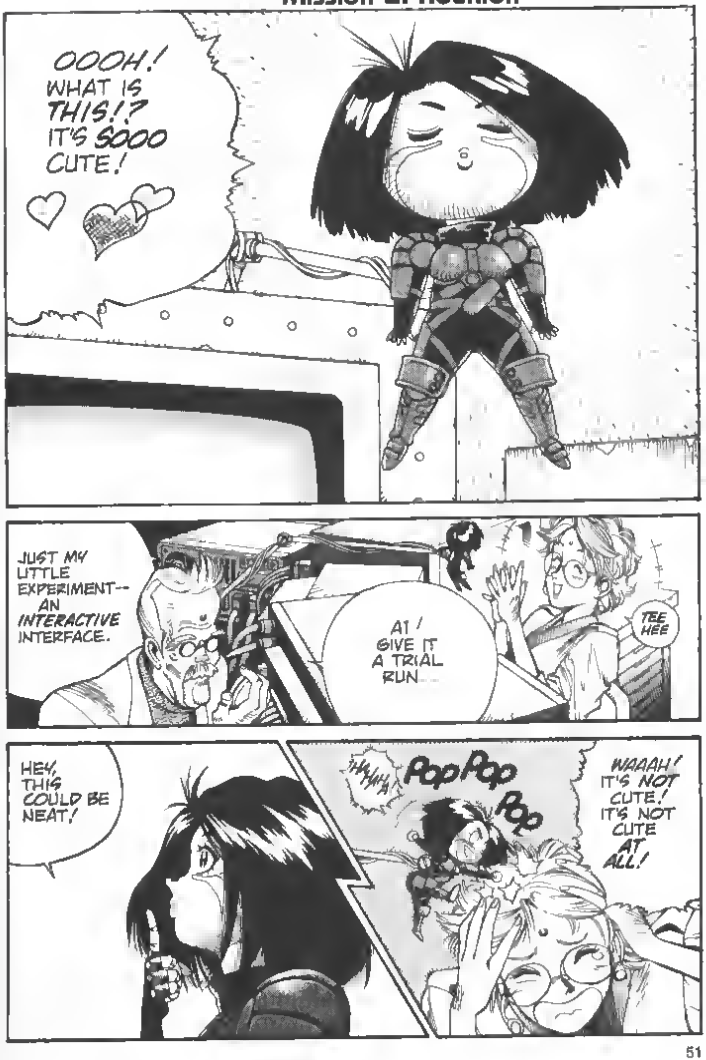
ZEEE
ZEE EEE
ZEEE
MY SOLAR CALENDAR WHEEL TECHNIQUE WILL CUT INTO YOU WITH PIN-POINT ACCURACY!
SKANG
IT'S OVER! I'LL OFFER YOUR HEART TO THE SUN WITH MY CLAWS OF TONATIUH* TECHNIQUE!
SKANG
MASTER DEN!
THIS ISN'T POSSIBLE!
FEH, THIS IS TOO SIMPLE

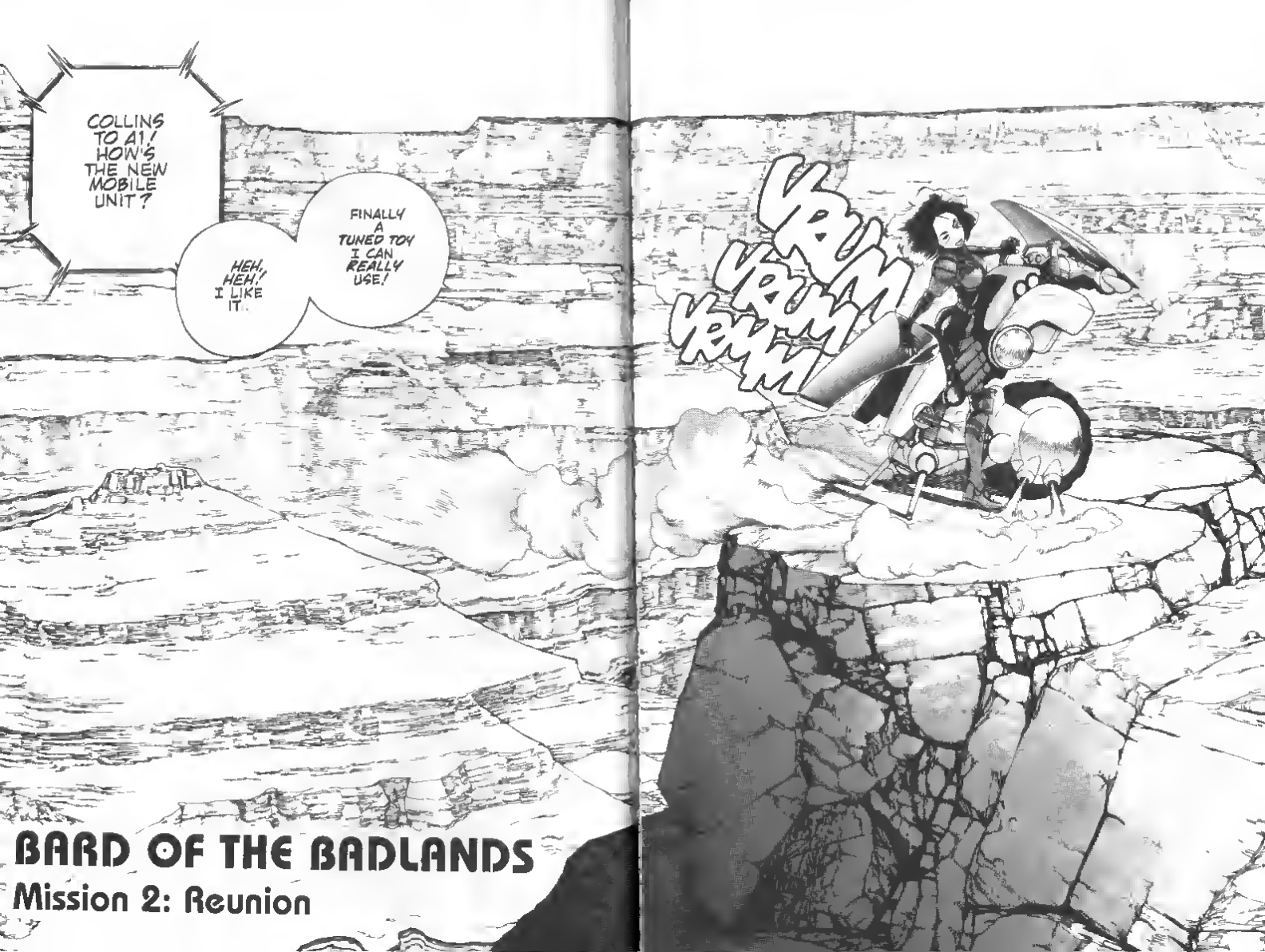
*TONATIUH THE AZTEC SUN GOD WORSHIPPED WITH HUMAN SACRIFICES ALSO CALLED IPALNEMOHUANI

STAR

GURKKA
!SHOO
SHOO
A SINGLE STRIKE IS ALL I NEED.
!
KARKANG
BRAVO! FABULOUS!
WHAT SAY YOU TEAM UP WITH ME AND RULE THE COLISEUM CIRCUIT!?
YOU'D MAKE CHIPS BY THE BUNDLE! HOWZ ABOUT IT!?


SPLURP
SKKANG
PARASITE...!
ALL WHO FOLLOW THE WAYS OF TIPHARES MUST PERISH!


OOOH! WHAT IS THIS!? IT'S SOOO CUTE!
JUST MY LITTLE EXPERIMENT-- AN INTERACTIVE INTERFACE.
AI! GIVE IT A TRIAL RUN...
TEE HEE
HEH, THIS COULD BE NEAT!
HMMM
Pop Pop Pop
WAAAH! IT'S NOT CUTE! IT'S NOT CUTE AT ALL!



BARD OF THE BADLANDS

Mission 2: Reunion

ALITA.. THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT TO SAY.
HMM ?
VEEK
VMM
IF WE WORK TOGETHER, THE TUNED CAN BECOME AN INCREDIBLE POWER!
UH HUH
BUT WITH GREAT POWER MUST ALSO COME GREAT RESPONS-IBILITY!
THE BATTLE WE'RE ABOUT TO EMBARK ON COULD VERY WELL CHANGE THE EXISTENCE OF TIPHARES, BUT...
I THINK YOUR MOTIVES ARE TOO PERSONAL, AI!
TOO BAD, LOU!
LOOK-- I'M NOTHING BUT AN INSIGNIFICANT INSECT CRAWLING ON THE SURFACE...
...JUST ANOTHER TOOL FROM YOU TIPHAREANS UP THERE ON CLOUD NINE!

BUT...
I DIDN'T MEAN IT LIKE THAT...
CUT IT OUT ALREADY!
LOOK DOWN ON ME ALL YOU LIKE-- YOU'RE STILL JUST A BIRDY IN A GILDED CAGE!!!
POOG POOG
UMMM WIFF YOU STOF FWAT?
WHEM
BONK
GAK!
DAMMIT! THAT HURT!
HA, HA, HA, HA! NYAH, NYAH!
BEEP BEEP
EEK!
NOW I'M PISSED! TRY SOME PANZER KUNST!
W-WAIT-- THE AI COMPUTER ON GABRIEL JUST PICKED UP SOMETHING!

SHAAA
BAAOOO
VROOO
WOOO
WOOO
X1000r/mn
"WE'LL PAY YOU A TOLL IF YOU LET US PASS"!?
DON'T YOU KNOW WHO I AM !?
YOU DARE MOCK THE GREAT SENTINEL !?
FUEL

CHECK HIM OUT.
HE THINKS HE'S SAFE CUZ WE'RE NOT BARJACK!
BOSS!
N-NO!
WE'RE JUST A CARAVAN ON OUR WAY TO BARTER WITH MR. KAOS. WE DON'T HAVE ANY CHIPS...
YO, JERK! WHAT'RE YOU SMIRKIN' ABOUT!?
WE'RE HON RABLE BEIGANDS-- YOU CAN'T JUST BRIBE US!
KOFF KOFF
HAK HAK
BWOOOM
VROOOM
WHOA
MAYBE I SHOULD DEMONSTRATE THE POWER OF MY LEGENDARY "PISTON LAUNCHER," HUH!?
P-PLEASE SPARE ME!
DO 'IM, BOSS! DO 'IM!
YEAH!
IF I KILL THIS GUY, I'LL BE CONSTIPATED FOR THREE DAYS
DAMMIT, WHY DO I GET MYSELF INTO THESE THINGS!?

HEY! LEGGO, YOU PERVERT!
huh?
BOSS! THIS LITTLE BRAT WAS HIDING OUT IN THE BACK!
Z z z
"HIDING OUT"!? IT'S MY NAP TIME, IMBECILE!
THIS YER KID?
N-NO...SHE'S JUST A HITCHHIKER...
AH!
H..
HEY!
PHEW! LOOKS LIKE I WON'T HAVE TO KILL ANYBODY.
HEH, IT'S JUST A LITTLE GIRL!
HEH, HEH-- SCARE THIS KID A BIT, AND I CAN SAVE FACE WITH THE GUYS.

ALL THAT STUFF WHAT I WON GAMBLING WIT' THESE GUYS!
KEEP YOUR FILTHY HANDS OFFA IT, YOU STUPID OLD MAN!
WH- WHAT !?
DOES THIS BRAT UNDERSTAND THE POSITION SHE'S IN!?
THIS IS GETTIN' BAD--I GOTTA SCARE HER... AND FAST!
THIS IS OUR LOOT NOW, BABE!
YOU GOT A PROBLEM WITH THAT !?
WOOW
BAD BOY
STOMP
OH, SO YOU GUYS ARE THIEVES !
THEN I'LL BET YOU LIKE TO GAMBLE..
SNIK

KOOM
SKOOM
WE LOST! AGAIN!
WHAT'RE YOU DOIN', BOSS!?
SH-SHUT UP!
O-OKAY. ONE MORE TIME!
SKAKOOM
THAT'S MY MAN! KEEP 'EM ROLLIN'!
HEH, HEH, HEH!
CHIK CHIKA
MM-

SO, GOT ANYTHING ELSE TO WAGER WITH?
I ALREADY WON BACK ALL THE STUFF YOU TRIED TO STEAL FROM ME
DAMMIT, WHY DO THINGS LIKE THIS ALWAYS HAPPEN TO ME!?
I HAVE TO WIN THE STUFF BACK TO SAVE FACE!
HERE! I'LL BET THIS!
THWUD
ENOUGH OF THIS! LET'S OFF THIS BRAT AND HAVE DONE WITH IT!
STOP IT, SENTINEL! THE PISTON LAUNCHER IS OUR GROUP'S SYMBOL!
I KNOW WHAT I'M DOING!
YOU NUT!
BAD

FWEEE
!
SHEEK
SR LAAAA
WAAAH!
OH, YUCK!
FUMP
WMP
HEY, YOU! DON'T FALL ASLEE ON ME!

AH!
SKAF
NOW I'VE GOT NO CHOICE BUT TO DO THIS BRAT! I'LL BE CONSTIPATED FOR A WEEK!
WHY YOU--!
GRRR!
UM
T-TIME OUT
KRENCH

GO!
RMRMRMRM
WE WON'T FORGET THIS!

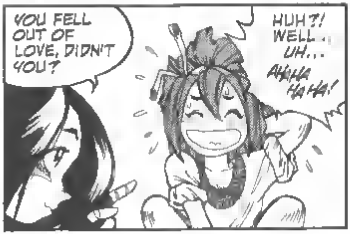
FURY!
HRMF
WUF!
HEY, SISTER-- HOW DO YOU KNOW MY DOG'S NAME?
KOYOMI...
...RIGHT?
.....
BET I CAN GUESS YOUR NAME, TOO

I DON'T REMEMBER YOU, EXACTLY--
--BUT POP AND SHUMIRA USED TO TALK ABOUT YOU A LOT.
KRKK
YOU'VE GROWN UP.
TIME FLIES AND ALL THAT, I SUPPOSE
WOW, HOW NOSTALGIC... HOW IS EVERYONE?
SHUMIRA MARRIED SOME GUY SHE MET IN THE VOLUNTEER GROUP.
AND NOW SHE'S GOT EIGHT KIDS.
WHOA!!!
GASP
SHE'S STILL AS DIM AS EVER, BUT SHE'S SO LOVABLE-- EVERYONE AT THE VOLUNTEER GROUP ADORES HER
AND THE BARKEEP?
HE'S NO GOOD!
HE WENT INTO DEBT TO OPEN THE BAR AGAIN, BUT GOT TO BE AN ALCOHOLIC! HE HIT ME EVERY TIME SOMETHING DIDN'T GO RIGHT! WHAT A LOSER!

BY THE WAY, KOYOMI, WHY DID YOU LEAVE THE SCRAPYARD?
EVEN WITH FURY, IT'S TOO DANGEROUS FOR YOU OUT HERE.

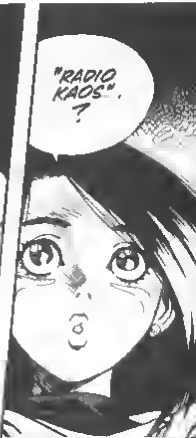
I... I JUST WANTED TO HAVE AN ADVENTURE. THAT'S ALL.

OOOH!!

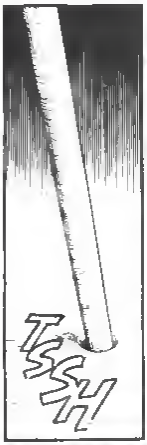

YOU FELL OUT OF LOVE, DIDN'T YOU?
HUH?! WELL... UH... AHAHA HA HA!

I DIDN'T CARE ABOUT THAT JERK ANYWAY!
TEE HEE

OH NO! RADIO KAOS IS GOING TO START!
TRUTH IS...
I CAME OUT HERE TO MEET MY IDOL, KAOS!


"RADIO KAOS"...?

THE IONOSPHERE IS PERFECT TONIGHT
THE RADIO WAVES SHOULD TRAVEL FAR
MASTER KAOS!
I'M COMING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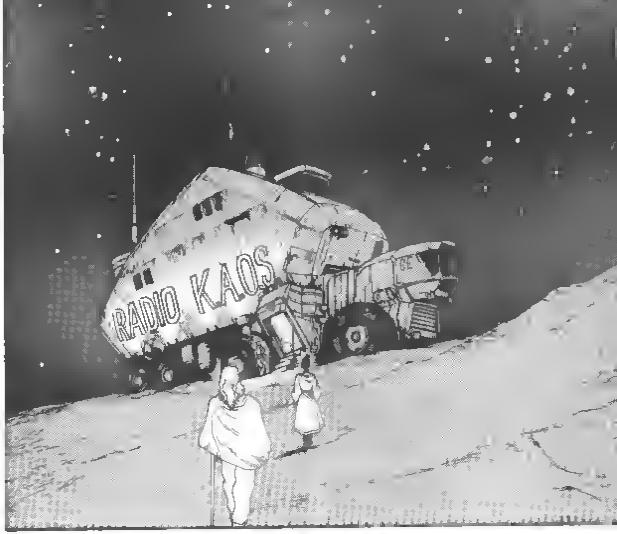
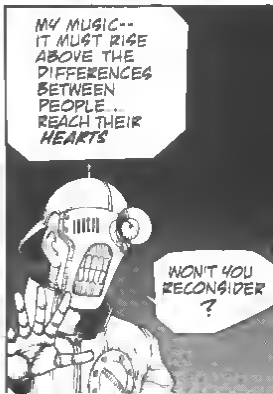

RADIO KAOS

A MESSENGER FROM BARJACK IS HERE
YOU PEOPLE AGAIN ?

I APPRECIATE ALL THE SUPPORT DEN GIVES ME...
...BUT I WON'T RUN ANY PROPA-GANDA FOR YOU.


MY MUSIC-- IT MUST RISE ABOVE THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PEOPLE.. REACH THEIR HEARTS
WON'T YOU RECONSIDER ?

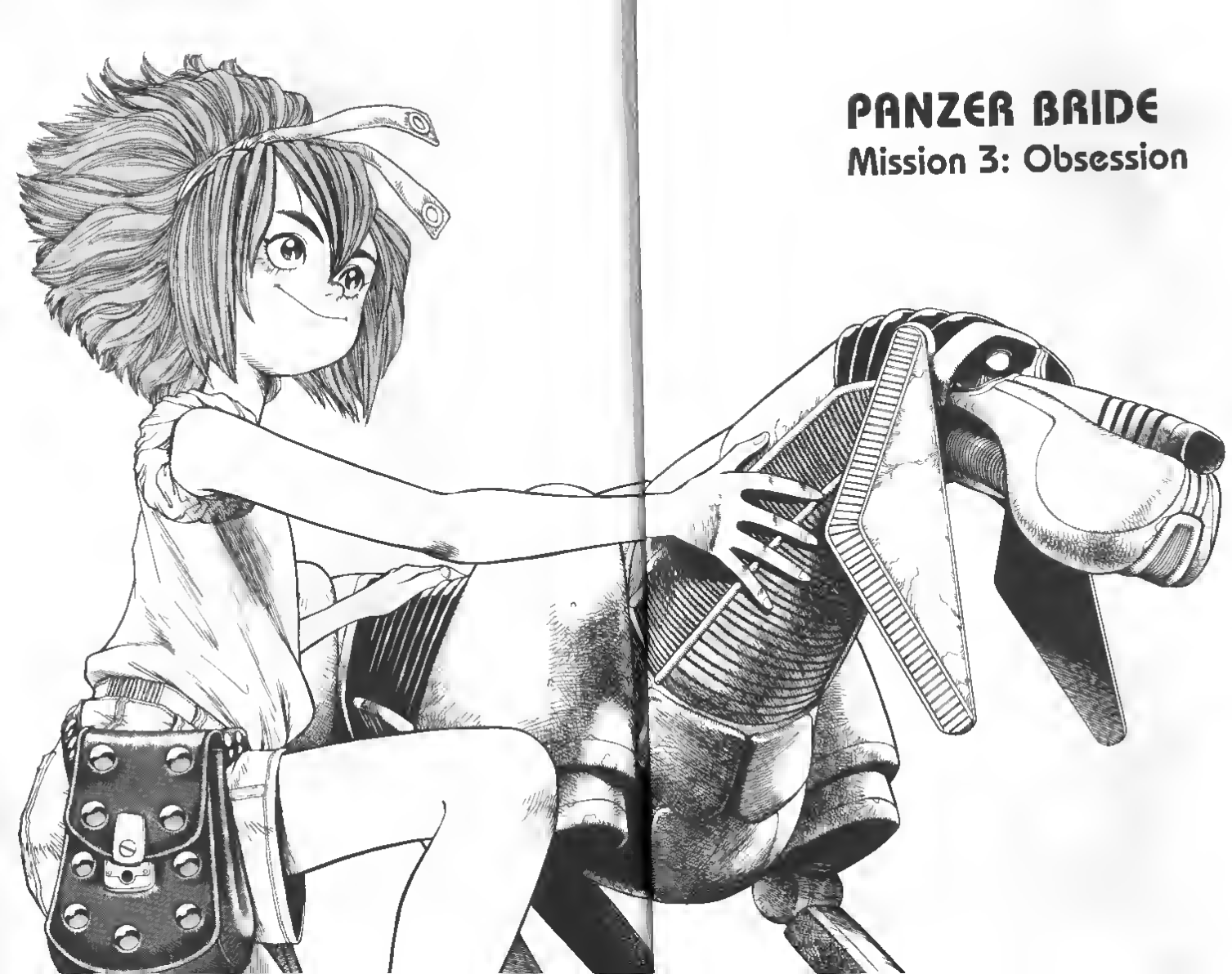
I see the image in my mirror...
coming closer, growing nearer, and I don't know what to do...
...because the image is of you
It's in my mirror... in my mirror...

And what is love...
...but seeing others...
...those we want to know as brothers?
A reflection in the heart...
broken glass,
our time apart
fazz
It's in my mirror in my mirror
Hm?

SHSS SHT
EVEN IN THIS FILTHY, BATTLE-RIDDEN WORLD...
I CAN SENSE THE EXISTENCE OF PEOPLE STRUGGLING TO SURVIVE.
AND I WANT TO PROTECT THEM.
ALL MY ABILITIES-- THAT MUST BE THEIR PURPOSE.

PANZER BRIDE
Mission 3: Obsession

YOU KNOW, KOYOMI...
I'D REALLY LIKE TO MEET THIS KAOS.
THERE SHE GOES AGAIN...
YEAH! THE MORE THE MERRIER, I ALWAYS SAY!
I THINK ALITA FEELS RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS LITTLE GAMBLING GIRL... SHE DOESN'T WANT TO LEAVE HER
I HAVE TO PUT MY FOOT DOWN! WE'VE GOT ORDERS!
I HEAR EVEN DEN IS A BIG FAN OF RADIO KAOS. I'M SURE MISTER KAOS COULD GIVE YOU THE SCOOP ON DEN. THEY'RE BOTH MEN OF MYSTERY!
OH, I AGREE!
I'M SUCH A PUSHOVER.



PANZER BRIDE

Mission 3: Obsession

VRRRRRM
KREEK
CRUNK
ALITA...!
PLEASE HAVE THIS DOG REMOVED FROM THE MOBILE UNIT!
MMM
VRAAA
VROOM

HAHAHA LOOKS KINDA SURREAL! I LIKE IT!
KOEK
TUNKA
FURY'S GETTING KINDA OLD AND SENILE WHEN HE CRASHES, IT'S ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO GET HIM UP
IMAGINE, USING THE HEIGHT OF TIPHAREAN TECHNOLOGY TO TRANSPORT A DOG...
pfff
YOUR BIKE SURE TALKS A LOT IS IT A CYBORG?
NEAT, HUH? IT'S MY PARTNER, LOU.
EXCUSE ME?
COOL! WHAT SAY WE PLAY WITH FURY AND LOU AS THE STAKES?
SPEFF
I HAVE A STRICT POLICY AGAINST RECREATIONAL GAMBLING
GON
YOU'RE NO FUN!

SKEEEE
WAH!
HEY! WHAT THE HECK ARE YOU DOING!?
THIS R-ROAD.
WE WE HAVE TO FIND ANOTHER WAY...
!?
VUM VUM VUM

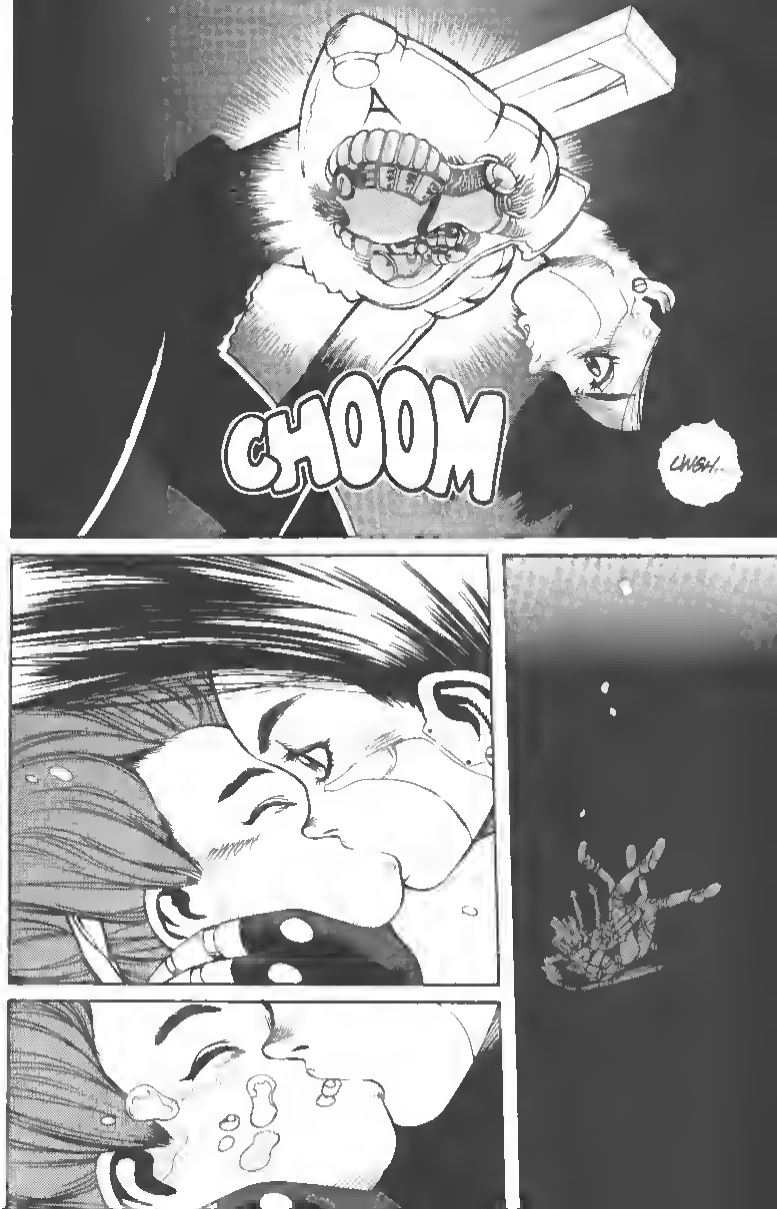
!
GROSS! IT'S A DEAD GUY!
. . . .
. . . .
IT'S A BOUNDARY MARKER-- FOR BARJACK TERRITORY!
WE'RE REALLY CLOSE TO MISTER KAOS, BUT WE HAVE TO FIND ANOTHER WAY!
BRMMM
SKRK

KRASH
WAH!?

KUNKA TUNK
YAAAH!
SKRAAK
BAROOSH
FFSSHH
KOF!

SHOOM
KOYOMI!!
OH, NO!
MOOK! MOOK!
ALITA! PLEASE RESPOND! ALITA!
WHIP WHAP
IT'S ALL MY FAULT! I SHOULD HAVE BEEN CHECKING FOR UNSTABLE AREAS ON THE SURFACE...
ZZZZZZZZ

I CAN SURVIVE-- BUT AT THIS RATE KOYOMI WON'T MAKE IT.
I HAVE TO DO SOMETHING!
I KNOW! IT'S A BIT RISKY, BUT...
I SHOULD BE ABLE TO USE MY LUNGS TO ELECTRICALLY BREAK DOWN THE WATER MOLECULES AND CREATE OXYGEN..
VOOOOOM


CHOOM
CHISH..

:KOFF:
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HFF! UFF! HFF! D-DAMMIT! I THOUGHT I WAS GONNA DIE
THANKS A LOT, ALITA..
!?

GLAD YOU'RE... OKAY...
WH-WHAT'S WRONG?
NOT TOO BAD, BUT...
I THINK I... OVER-LOADED MY LUNGS...
DON'T DIE, ALITA! BUT IF YOU DO, IT WASN'T MY FAULT!
YOU LITTLE...
I--GOT TO GO INTO STASIS MODE... TRY TO MINIMIZE DAMAGE TO MY BRAIN...
I NEED YOU TO FIND HELP ON THE SURFACE FOR ME...

CHEK KEK
TCH!
HFF! UFF! .. I GET DRENCHED. HFF! HFF! .. ALITA'S LIKE A LEAD WEIGHT.
THIS REALLY STINKS!
BUT BY THIS TIME TOMORROW... WE'RE GONNA BE LAUGHING ABOUT THIS.
BOY, THIS PLACE IS MORE OF A MAZE THAN THE SCRAPYARD

AH!
A LIGHT! PEOPLE!
HEY, OVER HERE...!
GRORK GRORK
SPISH
GEH GEH
.....
GEH
GEH
SPISH SPISH
GRORK

GEH
GEH
OOOH!
MOLEMEN !?
YAAAH!
!
EAGH

RWEEN
GEH
GEH
GEH

ST-STAY BACK!
!
SKUMPA
TUMPA

HFF...
HFF...
UFF...
KLICK
H-HUH?
KLIK
KLIK
GWAAA
UNH!
SHOOT

NOOO! DON'T HURT ME!
GEH GEH GEH GEH!
SKUMP
TUM
TUM
GWOOOOON

KAKLANG
KRANG
KRANG
KRANG
TANG
TANG
TANG
GUGEEEH!

Hoooo!
NO!
NO!
NO!
NO!
GACHA
SNACH
OH!
DON'T BE AFRAID
!
SMP

STAND BACK... THIS GIRL IS TERRIFIED.
SHASSA
ZAA
WHAT!?
SO YOU GOT CAUGHT IN A SINKHOLE...AND YOU TRAVELED ALL THE WAY FROM THE SCRAPYARD.
sniff
sniff

I AM KAOS.
HOW DO YOU DO.. KOYOMI?
R-REALLY!? B-BUT HOW? I MEAN, YOU'RE..
CAN HE READ MINDS?
!
A CYBORG..?

GNOOOON

THEY ARE MY... WORKERS.

THEY DIG UP ANCIENT ARTIFACTS FOR ME...THINGS FROM THE PREVIOUS ERA.

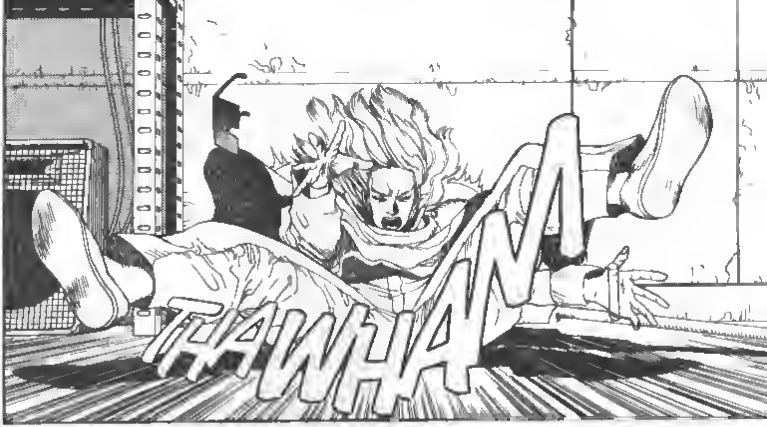
THIS? LOOKS LIKE A BUNCHA JUNK TO ME!
HA, HA, HA! PERHAPS SO--FOR A NORMAL PERSON
KAOS

PLEASE, JASMINE THE GIRL AND THE BOX
SKREK SHEK
I HAVE THEM MASTER KAOS
AS YOU CAN SEE IM RATHER FRAIL HAVE BEEN SINCE BIRTH
MY SENSES TOO ARE VERY DIFFERENT FROM A NORMAL PERSON'S IM A 'RADIO MAN'
I CAN'T HEAR OR SPEAK IN SOUND WAVES ONLY VIA RADIO WAVES. MY VISUAL PERCEPTION IS FAR BELOW THAT OF A NORMAL PERSON I SEE ONLY WITHIN THE INFRARED SPECTRUM
I HAD A VERY DIFFICULT CHILDHOOD
I-I SEE.. THAT'S WHY I HAVE TO WEAR A TRANSCEIVER LIKE THIS
NATURE, HOWEVER, GAVE ME OTHER SENSES

WOULD YOU BELIEVE ME KOYOMI, IF I TOLD YOU THAT INANIMATE OBJECTS HAVE MEMORIES?
WHAT !?
RADIO K.A.O.S
WITH MY FINGERS I CAN "TOUCH" THE INFORMATION EXPERIENCED BY OBJECTS
THIS ABILITY IS CALLED PYCHOMETRY
...AND IT WAS THIS DISCOVERY WHICH CHANGED MY LIFE
MOST OF THE SONGS PLAYED ON RADIO KAOS HAVE BEEN RECONSTRUCTED FROM ANCIENT ARTIFACTS USING PYCHOMETRY
COOL !
AT FIRST I WASN'T ABLE TO PLAY ANY INSTRUMENTS... BUT FROM INSTRUMENTS ONCE OWNED BY OTHER MUSICIANS I HAVE LEARNED HOW TO RECREATE THEIR MUSIC

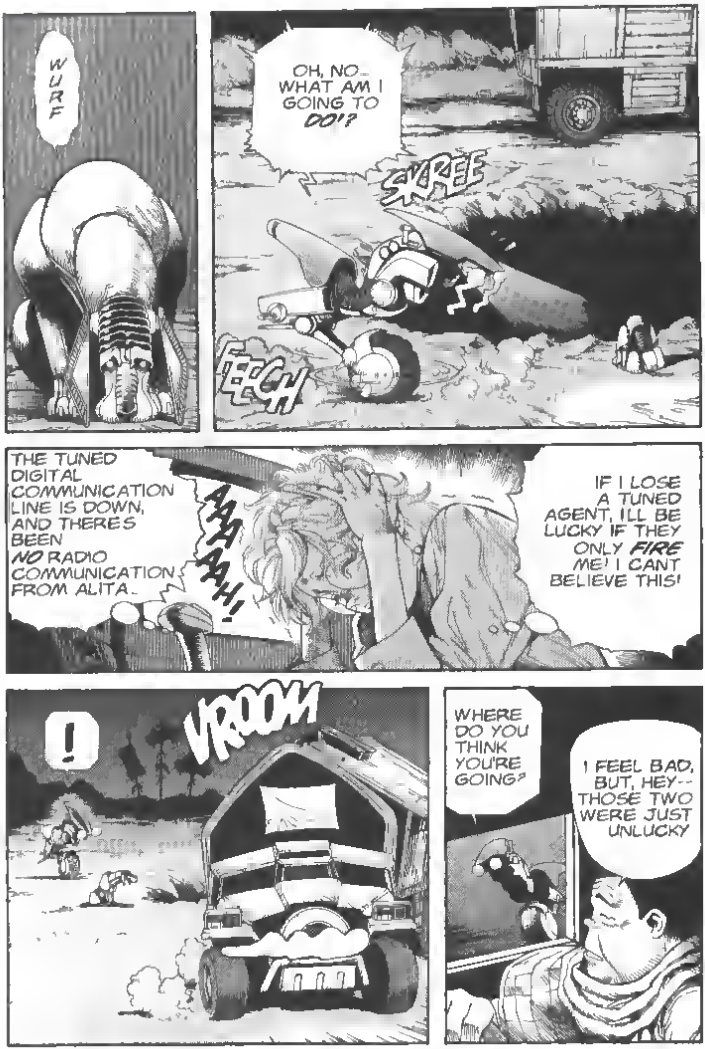
IT'S JUST A THEORY, BUT I THINK ALL OBJECTS RETAIN INFORMATION— WHATEVER IS IN THEIR VICINITY, THE EMOTIONS OF ANY PEOPLE AROUND—MUCH LIKE A TAPE RECORDING.
THAT RECORDING CAN, IN TURN BE "READ" BY PEOPLE LIKE ME, WHO ARE EXTREMELY SENSITIVE TO ELECTRICAL INFORMATION. I PLAY IT BACK, YOU SEE.
THAT'S HOW I KNEW YOUR NAME. IT'S NOT THAT I CAN READ MINDS. LET'S SEE...
...THIS WOMAN IS...
SHAAAA
!?

AAAAGH!
NOOO!

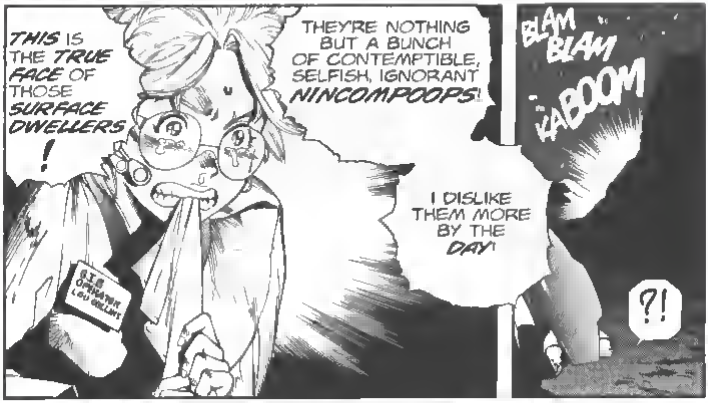

THAWHAN

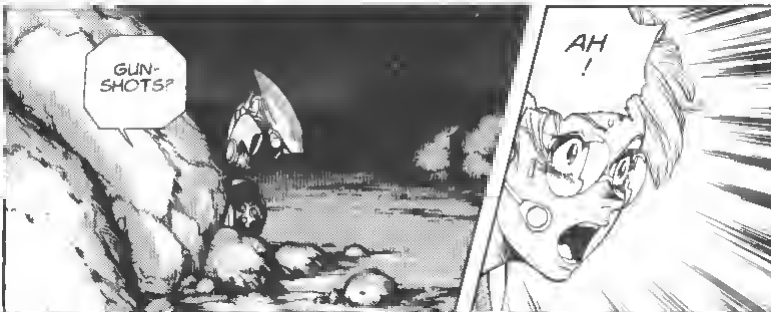
MASTER KAOS !
WHAT'S WRONG !?

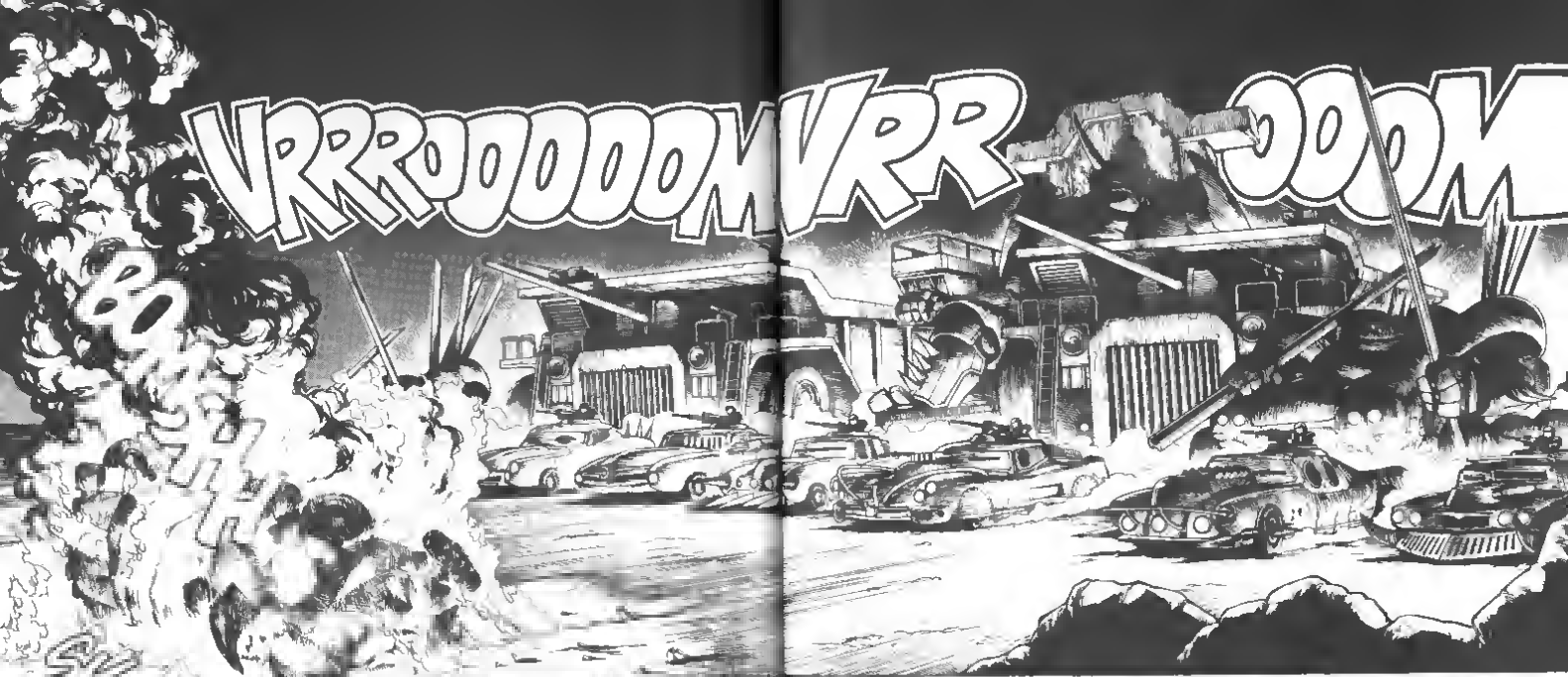
A-ALITA_ YOKO_
WH WHO IS... THIS WOMAN...!?
uft
uft
uft
SKICHA SKICH


WURF
OH, NO- WHAT AM I GOING TO DO!?
SKREE
EECH
THE TUNED DIGITAL COMMUNICATION LINE IS DOWN, AND THERE'S BEEN NO RADIO COMMUNICATION FROM ALITA.
AAAAAH!
IF I LOSE A TUNED AGENT, I'LL BE LUCKY IF THEY ONLY FIRE ME! I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS!
!
VROOM
WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING?
I FEEL BAD, BUT, HEY-- THOSE TWO WERE JUST UNLUCKY

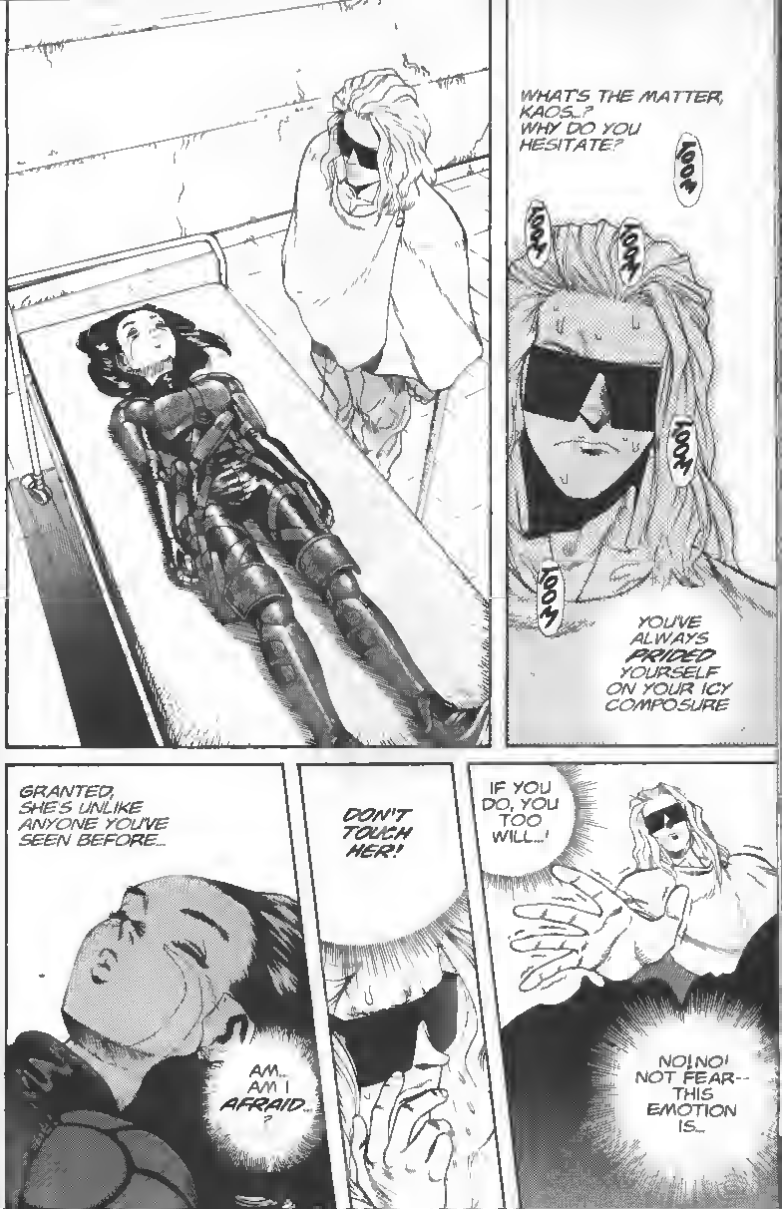
YOU CAN'T JUST LEAVE THEM LIKE THIS! COME BACK HERE!
AWROOO!
VROOOM


THIS IS THE TRUE FACE OF THOSE SURFACE DWELLERS!
THEY'RE NOTHING BUT A BUNCH OF CONTEMPTIBLE, SELFISH, IGNORANT NINCOMPOOPS!
I DISLIKE THEM MORE BY THE DAY!
BLAM BLAM KABOOM
?!


GUN-SHOTS?
AH!


VRROOOOOM
VRR
OOOM
BO
SU
EGHANK
FWOOSH
VR
MRMM
THAT BIG GUY...
DEN!

KAOS, PLEASE SAVE ALITA'S LIFE! SHE RISKED HER OWN TO SAVE MINE..!
SHE IS A SOLDIER OF TIPHARES..
..AND I DON'T WISH TO GET INVOLVED PERHAPS THE BARJACK--
NO, YOU CAN'T!
GET HER OUT OF MY ROOM, JASMINE!
DAMN YOU! TO THINK THE HERO BEHIND RADIO KAOS IS SUCH A JERK!
WERE ALL THOSE THINGS YOU SAID ABOUT LOVE AND TRUST JUST A BUNCH OF LIES?
JASMINE, TONIGHT'S BROADCAST..
YES, SIR.. I'LL RUN A TAPED SHOW.
THANK YOU..
CLK

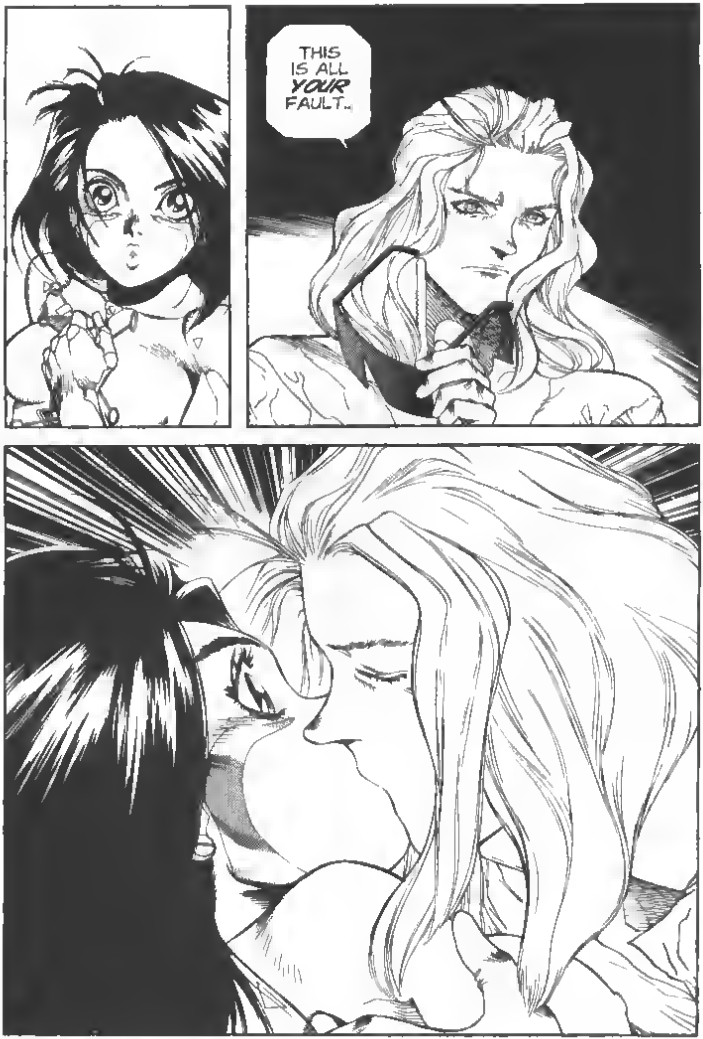

WHAT'S THE MATTER, KAOS...? WHY DO YOU HESITATE?
TOOM
TOOM
TOOM
TOOM
YOU'VE ALWAYS PRIDED YOURSELF ON YOUR ICY COMPOSURE
GRANTED, SHE'S UNLIKE ANYONE YOU'VE SEEN BEFORE...
AM... AM I AFRAID...?
DON'T TOUCH HER!
IF YOU DO, YOU TOO WILL...!
NO! NO! NOT FEAR-- THIS EMOTION IS...

WHO
?
WHO IS
THAT-
REACHING
INTO MY
BODY_?

IS IT... IDO!?
PLEASE, IDO.. TAKE ME APART SOME MORE..
YOU'VE COME BACK..!
OH, I'M SO HAPPY...!

SISSH
IDO..

. . . .
. . . .
YOU'RE AWAKE..
N-NOT IDO!
FWUP
I USED PYCHOMETRY TO READ THE CYBERPHYSICIAN'S EXPERIENCES...
I REPAIRED YOUR BODY BUT IT BROKE MY HEART.


THIS IS ALL YOUR FAULT...

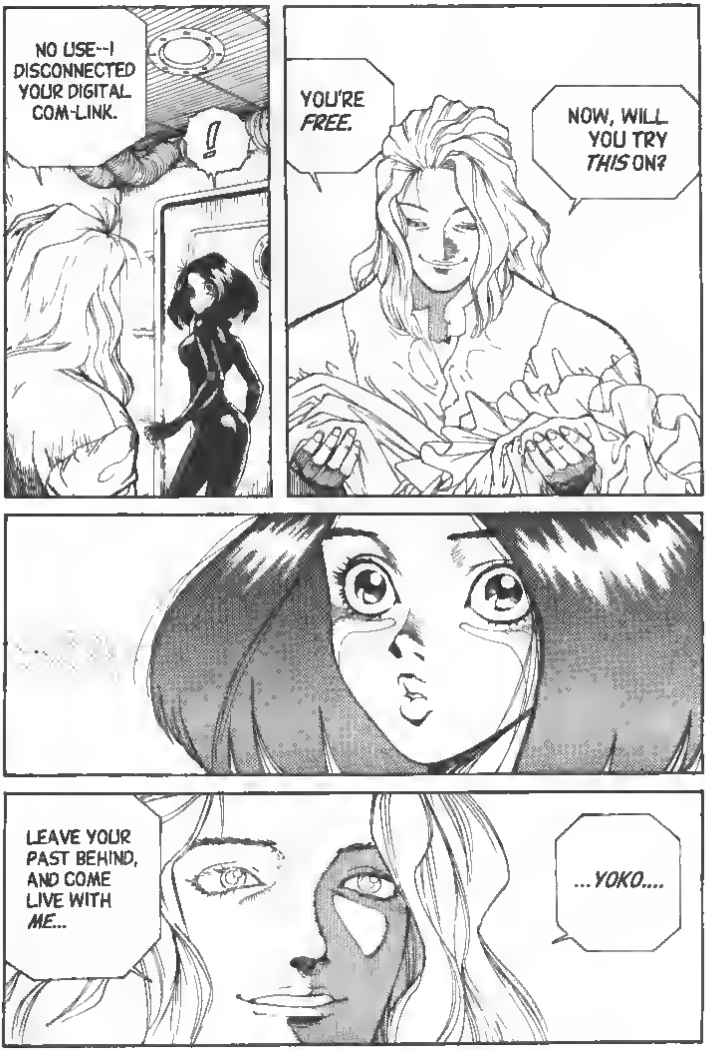
DEN OF BARJACK

Mission 4: Loyalties

SPLIK.
NNNH.
I--I
LOVE
YOU....

I'M SPEAKING DIRECTLY INTO YOUR DIGITAL COM-LINK
SPLAT
CAN'T YOU FEEL MY *LOVE*... BEING TRANSMITTED *INTO* YOU ?
YOKO....
!
KLANG
TINK

TING
TONG
TUNG
ZEEEEEEP
UHHH... WH-WHY DID YOU DO THAT?
I'M FRAIL-- BE GENTLE WITH ME.
FOR FIXING MY BODY...
...YOU HAVE MY THANKS.
OH! THOSE BATTLE FATIGUES DON'T SUIT YOU AT ALL! SOMETHING ELSE...?!
THIS IS A1..COME IN, CONTROL. YO, LOU!

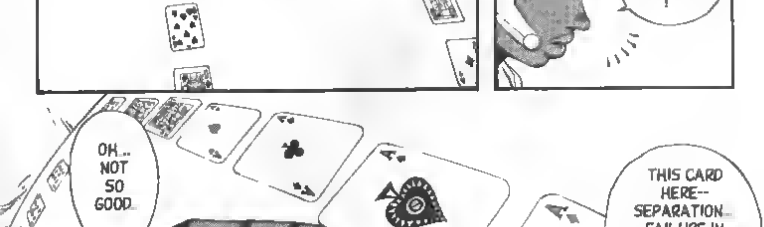

NO USE--I DISCONNECTED YOUR DIGITAL COM-LINK.
!
YOU'RE *FREE.*
NOW, WILL YOU TRY *THIS* ON?
LEAVE YOUR PAST BEHIND, AND COME LIVE WITH *ME*...
...*YOKO*....

♪♫♪♫♪
MASTER KAOS IS A BIT, OH-- TEMPER-AMENTAL..
.. BUT THAT'S OKAY. HE CAN'T HARM A FLY.
IZZAT SO ?
WILL YOU DO ALITA'S FORTUNE NEXT, JASMINE?
ALL RIGHT..

MASTER KAOS HAS PSY-CHOMETRY...
...AND I'M A FORTUNE TELLER-- OFTEN RIGHT ON THE MONEY.

HMM..ALITA WILL BE REPAIRED IN NO TIME.

THEN, THE NEAR FUTURE--!

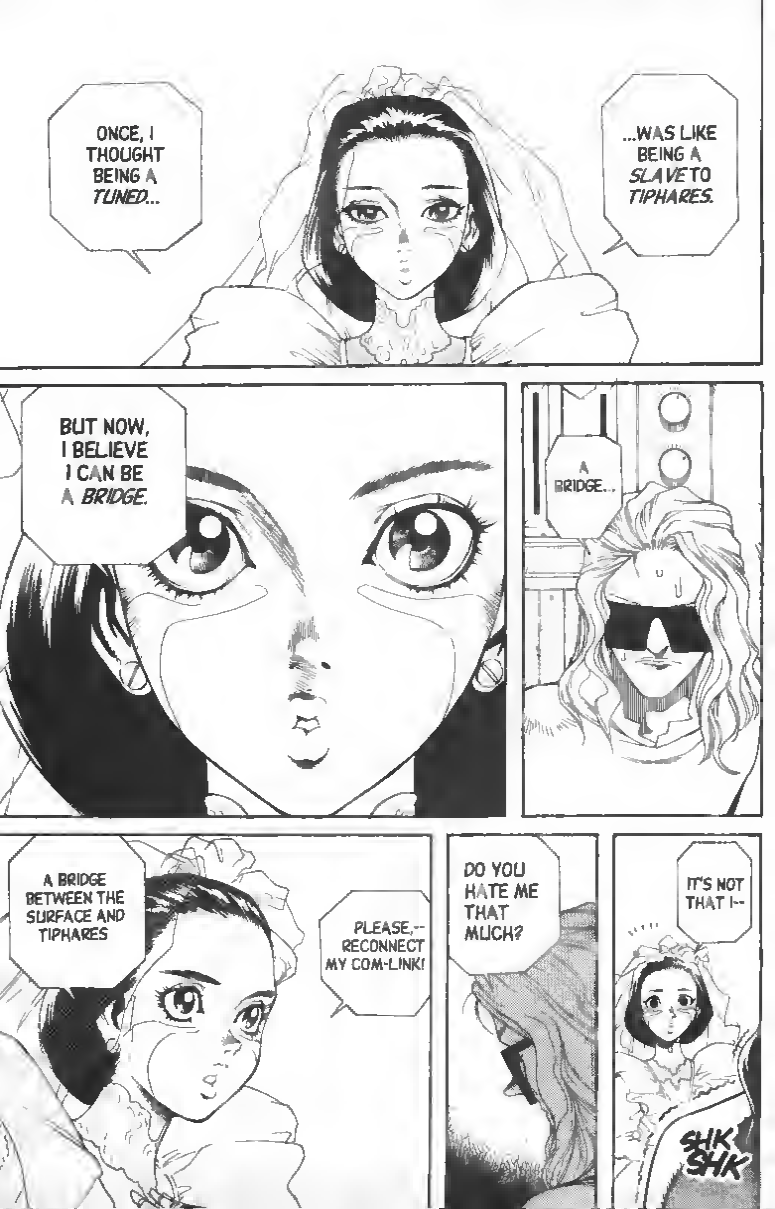

OH.. NOT SO GOOD.
THIS CARD HERE-- SEPARATION.. FAILURE IN A MISSION. OR POSSIBLY DEATH...

HUH.. ?

KANG KANG KANG
KANG

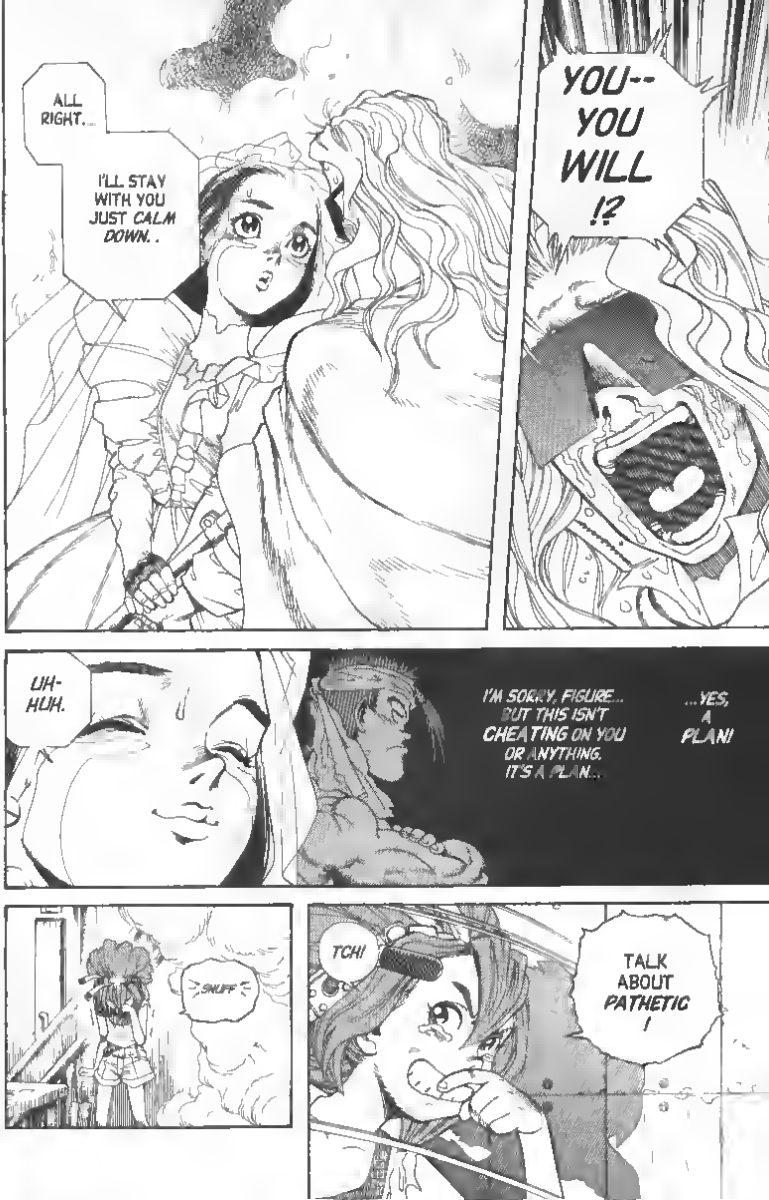
TMP TMP TMP
MASTER KAOS !?
WAIT !
Ugh!
FWSSH

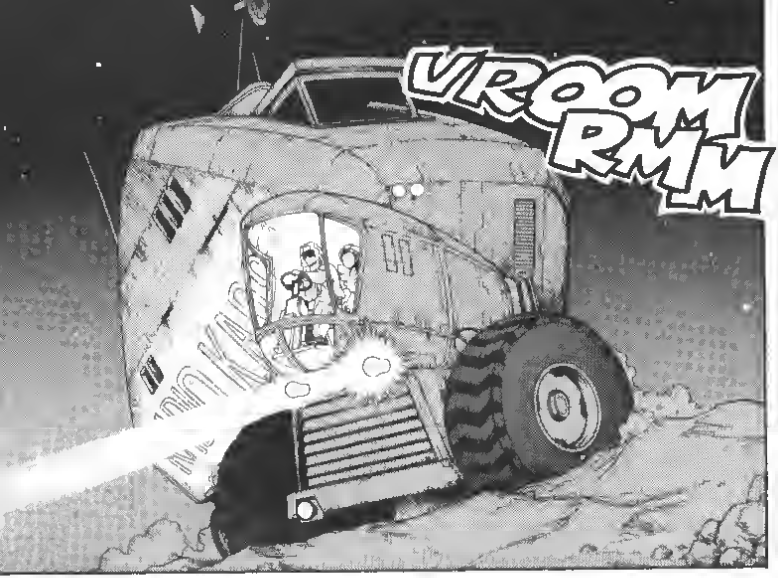
WOW! WHAT A PRETTY DRESS!
I WANT ONE!
I'M SO HAPPY TO SEE YOU'RE ALL BETTER AGAIN!
OH--HI, KOYOMI.
THAT'S THE DRESS MASTER KAOS MADE BY HAND...!
I KNEW WE COULD COUNT ON MY HERO, KAOS!
KAOS! PLEASE LISTEN!


ONCE, I THOUGHT BEING A *TUNED*...
...WAS LIKE BEING A *SLAVE* TO *TIPHARES*.
BUT NOW, I BELIEVE I CAN BE A *BRIDGE*.
A BRIDGE...
A BRIDGE BETWEEN THE SURFACE AND TIPHARES
PLEASE,-- RECONNECT MY COM-LINK!
DO YOU HATE ME THAT MUCH?
IT'S NOT THAT !--
SHK SHK

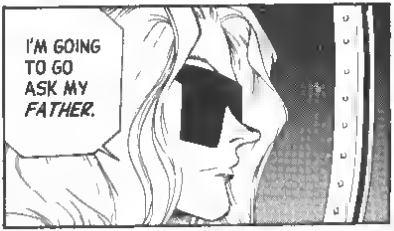
THEN WHY !?
WHY WON'T YOU STAY WITH ME !?
WHY!? WHY!?
AAAAH
BAM
FM
WHY WON'T YOU STAY !?
WAM

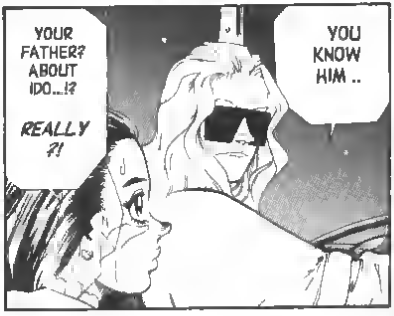
TIPHARES !?
KO-KA-KA-KA!
WHO CARES !?
BOM
THE SURFACE !?
PLEASE-- WE'RE ON THE AIR! THE EQUIPMENT!
I DON'T CARE !
AAAAH
LOVE IS MORE IMPORTANT !
PLEASE! YOUR HEALTH-- DON'T GET TOO EXCITED!
FUP


ALL RIGHT...
I'LL STAY WITH YOU JUST CALM DOWN..
YOU-- YOU WILL !?
UH-HUH.
I'M SORRY, FIGURE... BUT THIS ISN'T CHEATING ON YOU OR ANYTHING. IT'S A PLAN...
...YES, A PLAN!
>SNUFF<
TCH!
TALK ABOUT PATHETIC !

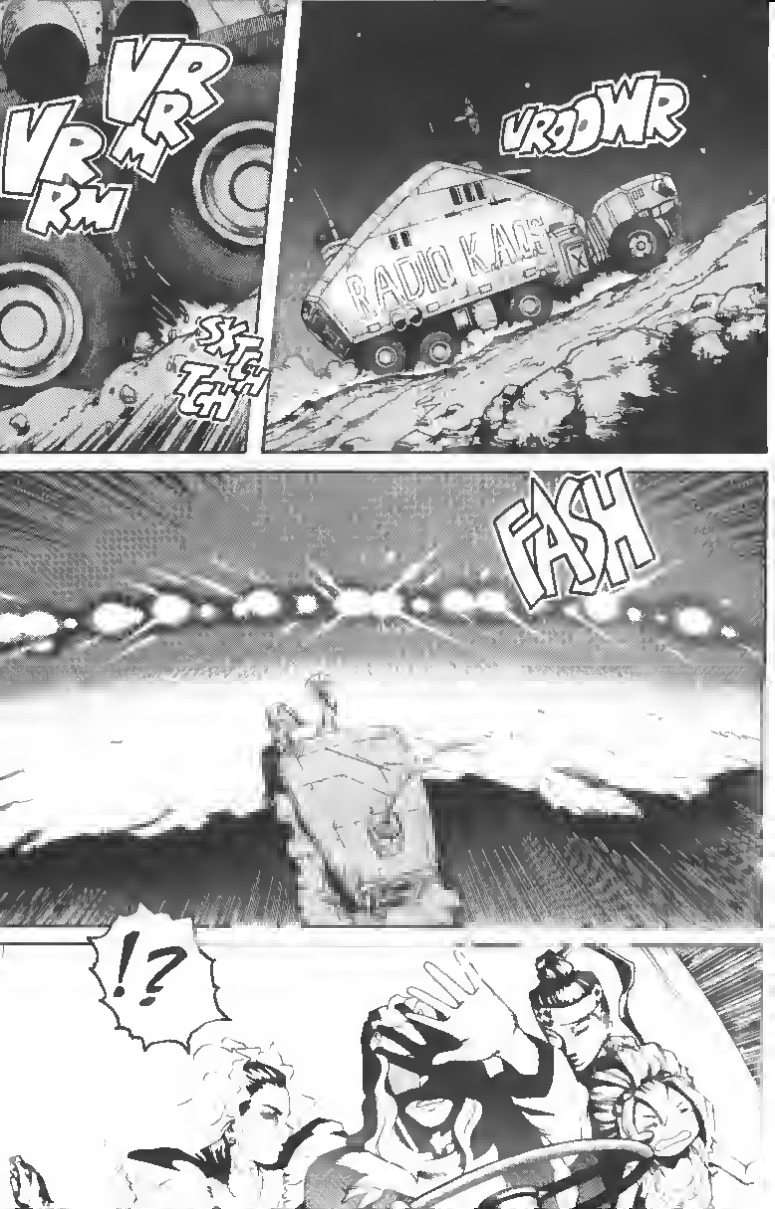

VROOM
RMM

WHERE ARE WE GOING, KAOS!?
YOU'RE LOOKING FOR A MAN NAMED IDO, RIGHT?


I'M GOING TO GO ASK MY FATHER.

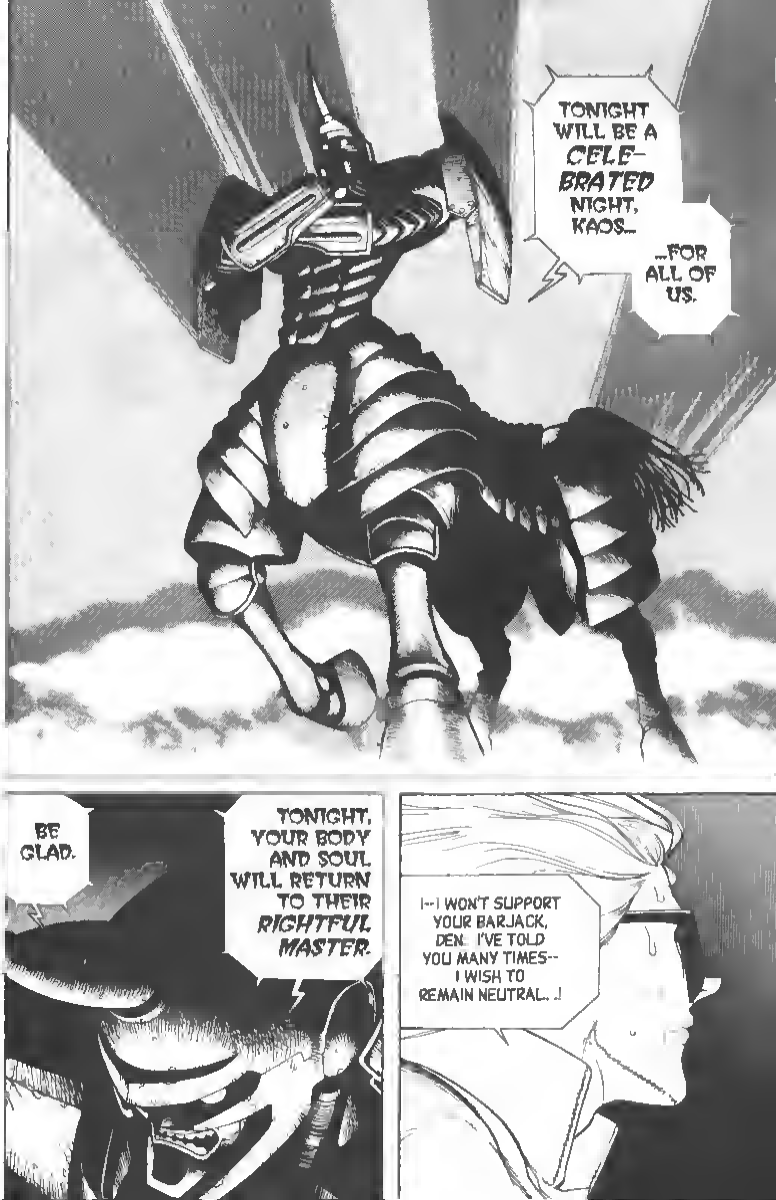

YOUR FATHER? ABOUT IDO...!?
REALLY ?!
YOU KNOW HIM ..

...DESTY NOVA.
HE'S MY FATHER.
DESTY NOVA !
HE'S BRILLIANT, BUT A MADMAN.
HAVEN'T SEEN HIM IN YEARS. SUCH A FATHER, SUCH SUFFERING.
AHAHA. HA..
COULD THIS BE NOVA'S PLAN...?
BUT KAOS DOESN'T SEEM LIKE HE'S ACTING....


VRRM
VRRM
SKKCH
TCH
VROOWR
RADIO KAOS
FASH
!?

VAROOM VROOM
VMMM MMM
DEN !

DEN AND I HAVE BEEN "PEN PALS" FOR YEARS...
THE BARJACK SHOULD POSE NO THREAT TO US...
....
....
CHAK
FWOOOSH
DEN, PLEASE...
...LET US PASS.
SHA
KA
THOM


TONIGHT WILL BE A CELE-BRATED NIGHT, KAOS...
...FOR ALL OF US.
BE GLAD.
TONIGHT, YOUR BODY AND SOUL WILL RETURN TO THEIR RIGHTFUL MASTER.
I--I WON'T SUPPORT YOUR BARJACK, DEN. I'VE TOLD YOU MANY TIMES-- I WISH TO REMAIN NEUTRAL..!

FOOL! YOU DARE CLAIM NEUTRALITY WHEN YOU HARBOR A PAWN OF TIPHARES!?
!
HOW...
...HOW CAN YOU KNOW THAT!?
YOU HAVE NO CHOICE, KAOS!
I COMMAND IT!
HAND OVER THE TIPHAREAN ANGEL OF DEATH!

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uff
uff
uff
uff
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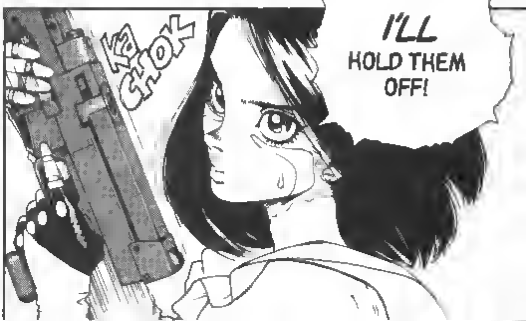
Y-YOU...
DICTATOR...!
I--I WON'T...!
uff
uff
uff
uff
uff
WON'T... LET YOU TAKE--

N-NO!
THUD

FOOL! WITH YOUR WEAK WILL...
...YOU DARE STAND AGAINST ME?

FWMP
MASTER KAOS!

RUN FOR IT!

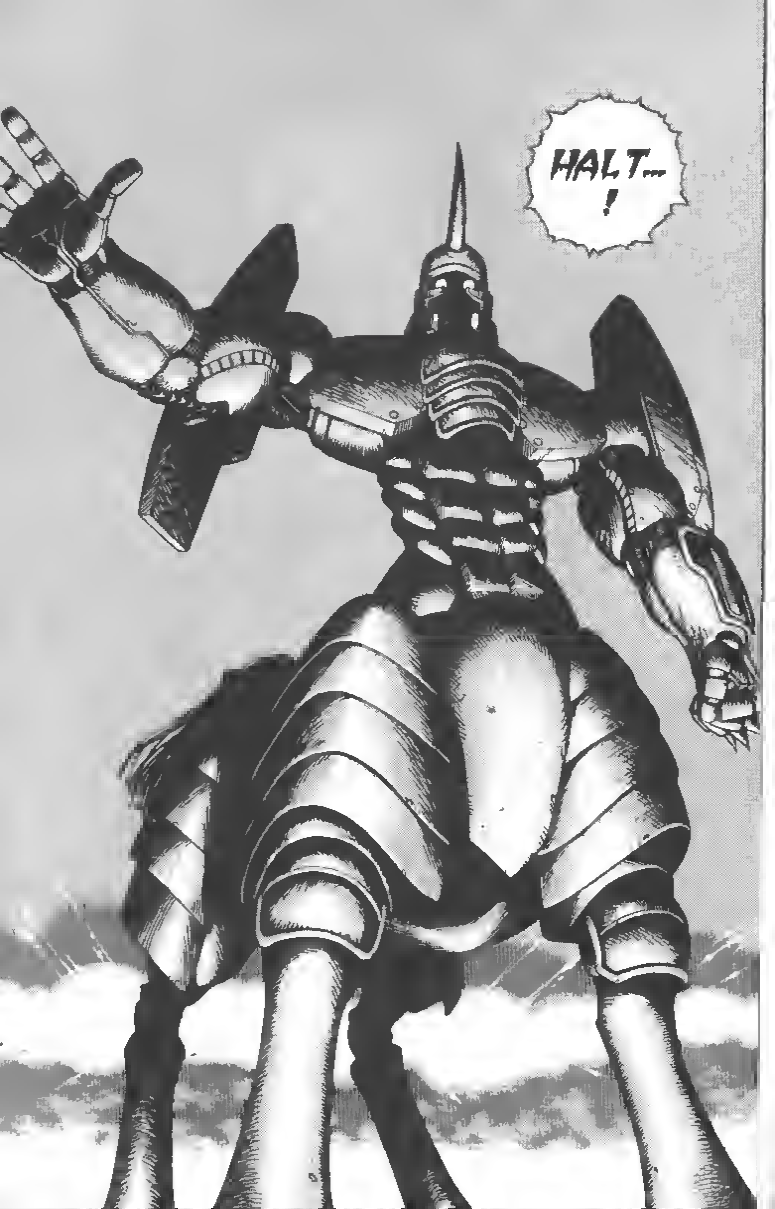

KA-CHOK
I'LL HOLD THEM OFF!

...FAILURE IN A MISSION... OR POSSIBLY DEATH...
ALITA--!
DO NOT LET THEM ESCAPE!
VRRM VRRM VRRM
VRRM VRRM

COME ON!

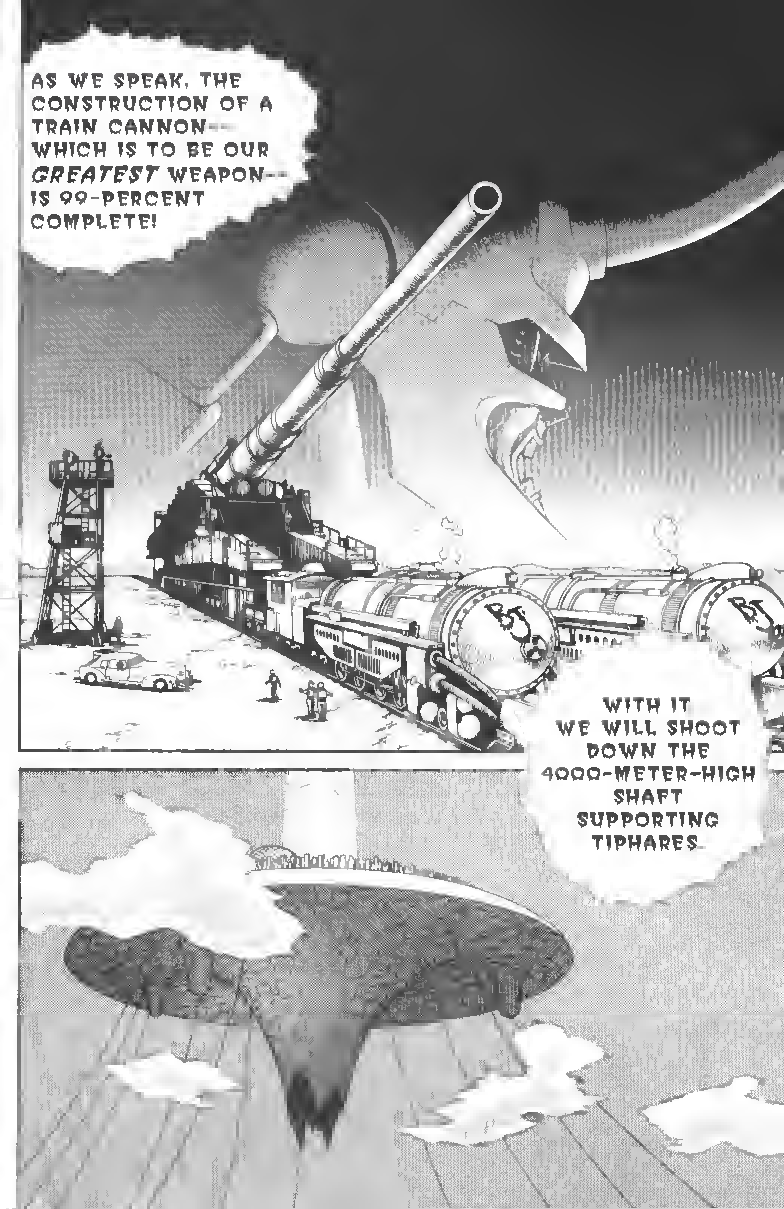
BLAM
BLAM
SKASKREE

PNG PNG
PNG PNG
KATAKATTA
PNG PNG
BZOOM
!


HALT...
!

SKREEE
.....
VRAROOM
VROOM
I KNOW THAT THE DIGITAL COM-LINK THAT CHAINED YOU TO TIPHARES AS ONE OF THE TUNED HAS BEEN *SEVERED*. . .!
FROM THIS DAY ON, YOU WILL BECOME ONE OF *US*--AND USE YOUR POWER TO *DESTROY* TIPHARES!
YOKO
!

H-HOW DOES HE KNOW THAT NAME...?
M-MY NAME...IS ALITA!
YOKO IS DEAD!
THE PAST CARVES THE PATH ONE MUST TRAVEL INTO ONE'S FLESH AND BLOOD...
I KNOW THAT. DEEP DOWN, YOU DESPISE TIPHARES AS MUCH AS I!
HEH... LET ME ASK YOU ONE THING...
ARE YOU SERIOUS ABOUT BRINGING TIPHARES DOWN, DEN!?
ARE YOU?!
OF COURSE!


AS WE SPEAK, THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TRAIN CANNON--- WHICH IS TO BE OUR *GREATEST* WEAPON--- IS 99-PERCENT COMPLETE!
WITH IT WE WILL SHOOT DOWN THE 4000-METER-HIGH SHAFT SUPPORTING TIPHARES.

YOU IDIOT! IF YOU DO THAT. . .
. . .DON'T YOU REALIZE WHAT WILL HAPPEN!?
SKREEM

THE IMPACT OF TIPHARES WILL HAVE THE KINETIC ENERGY AND DESTRUCTIVE POWER OF *HUNDREDS* OF MEGATONS! IT WILL *UTTERLY DESTROY* THE FACTORY AND THE SCRAPYARD!
AND *THEN* OUR NEW AGE SHALL BEGIN!

THERE COMES A DAY. . .
. . .WHEN CHILD MUST KILL PARENT, SUBJECT KILL RULER, MAN KILL GOD. . .
IT IS NECESSARY FOR ONE TO WALK ON ONE'S OWN.
Y-YOU'RE RIGHT. . . I, TOO, HAVE WISHED THAT TIPHARES WOULD FALL.
BUT UNTIL NOW, I FEARED RELEASING THAT ANGER. . . .
. . .SEEING YOU, I UNDERSTAND *WHY.*

EVEN IF IT'S UGLY, THE SCRAPYARD IS STILL MY HOME!
AS A PERSON, NOT A TUNED, I'LL STILL PUT AN END TO YOUR DIABOLICAL PLAN!
FINE, THEN!
TRY TO DEFEAT ME... TRY TO STOP THE COMING OF THE NEW AGE!
SHWOO

VARUUU
RADIO KAOS
I'M WORRIED ABOUT ALITA...
AS I PREDICTED-- SHE WILL DIE.
HUH !?
DIE-- JUST AS SHE SHOULD!
WHO DOES SHE THINK SHE IS--WEARING MASTER KAO'S WEDDING DRESS, AND TURNING DOWN HIS PROPOSAL?
I'VE NEVER EVEN TOUCHED THAT DRESS, DAMN HER!

!?
KOYOMI
!
VAROOM
SHUP
SHUP
FEH! RADIO KAOS, MY BUTT!

TESSHASO
!
BWAM
BLAM
BLAM
BLAM
YUP
YUP
YUP

KEEN
BADOOM
!

THIS MAN. . . HE'S *HUGE*, BUT HE HAS NONE OF THE ARROGANCE IN HIS FIGHTING STYLE OF MOST PEOPLE OF HIS BULK.
THE TIMING OF HIS "CHI"* IS INCREDIBLE! AT THIS RATE, I CAN'T BEAT HIM WITH A GUN. . . !

*CHI: THE ABILITY TO READ AN OPPONENT'S ACTIONS AND CONCENTRATE ALL OF ONE'S MENTAL AND PHYSICAL STRENGTH TO THE ONE POINT THAT WILL BE MOST EFFECTIVE. A WELL-FOCUSED CHI BRINGS FORTH INCREDIBLE POWER. FOR MORE ON CHI, SEE THE *BATTLE ANGEL ALITA* GRAPHIC NOVELS *KILLING ANGEL* AND *ANGEL OF VICTORY*.

ABOVE AND BEYOND THE CHI THERE IS THE KIZASHI. THE SUPERCHI. . .
SO NO MATTER HOW SHARPLY YOU HONE YOUR ENERGIES, I KNOW YOUR MOVES IN ADVANCE, MAKING IT SIMPLE TO DEFEAT YOU.
HAHA HA. . .
I HAVEN'T FELT THIS GOOD IN YEARS
I NEVER THOUGHT I'D FIND SOMEONE SO POWERFUL. . .
BUT THIS TIME, THERE'S MORE THAN MY LIFE AT STAKE! I CAN'T LOSE!
ZASH

SHOOT
!?
HER GUN !?
SHASH
SLIK
I'LL SHOW YOU THE REAL PANZER KUNST!

A FEINT?! PATHETIC!
WHAM
BWOOM
HSH
FIRST, THE TURNSTILE TECHNIQUE!
FLIP FLIP FLIP

NEXT, USE MY ENEMY'S BODY AS A SHIELD!
!
FWSH
CHANK

BLAM
BLAM
BLAM
BLAM
NOW, MOVE IN AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE ON HIS WEAK POINT!
FWAM!
GOT HIM!

AAARGH!
SHOOM
SKRAK
AH!
WHAM

WUUUUD
UNHH...
WHAT HATE HE HAS...!
YOU MERELY BLIND ME AND THINK ME DEFEATED ?!
THINK AGAIN !

NEED
NO. . .!
I'M GOING TO DIE. . .!
I DO. . .! FIGURE. . .!

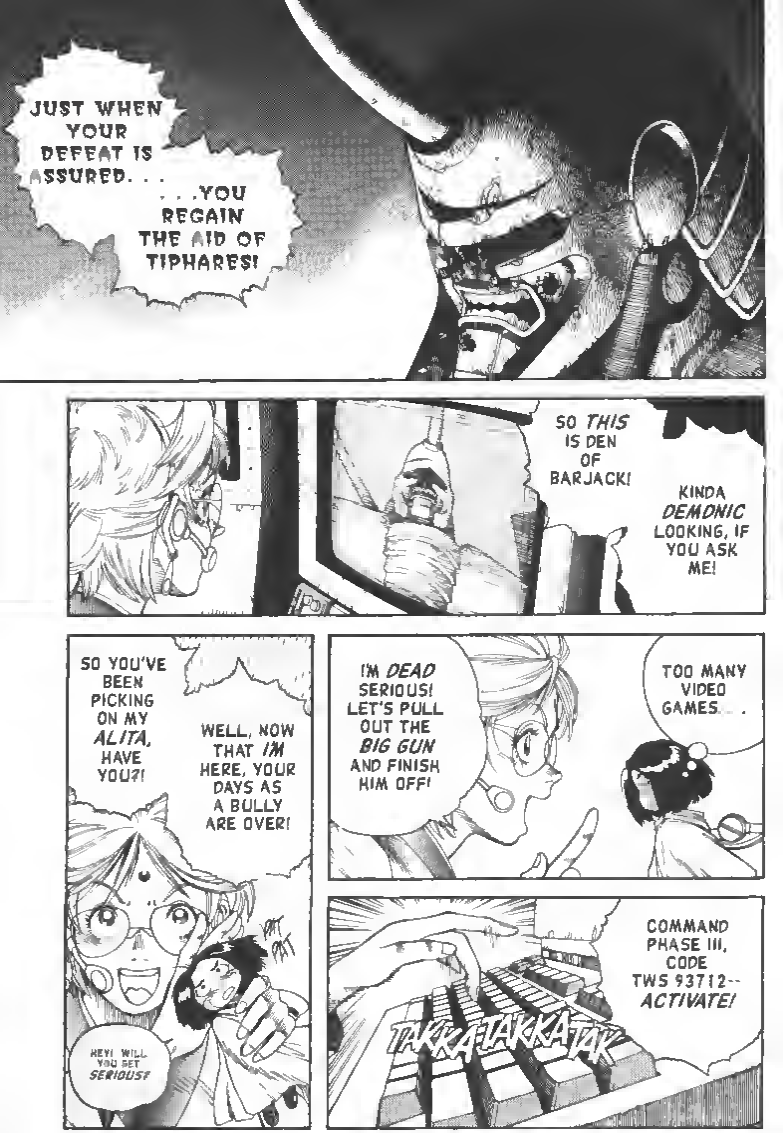
BWADOOM
WH--
!?
SKRIIIII

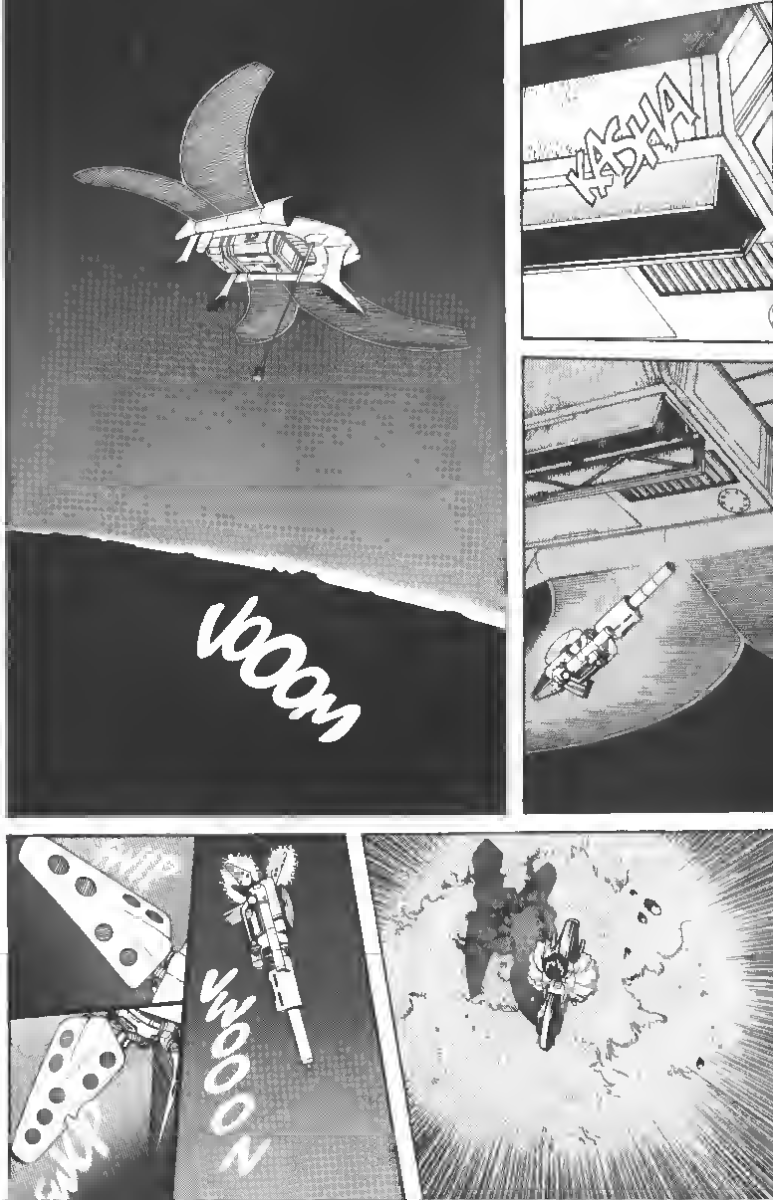
PHEW THAT WAS CLOSE...
BUT SHE'S SAFE--!
VRUM VRUM
I'M SOOOO GLAD I FOUND YOU, ALITA! WHEN I SAW THE WEDDING DRESS, I DIDN'T RECOGNIZE YOU AT FIRST
AND BESIDES, YOUR COM-LINK WAS DOWN
HFF UFF
LOU. THANKS. A LOT'S HAPPENED SINCE THEN.
WE'LL HAVE TO GIVE YOU A DIRECT CONNECTION TO THE TUNED COM-LINK YOUR ARM, PLEASE!
CHEK
OKAY.
CHUK
HEH!

I WANT TO ASK HER WHAT HAPPENED
TAKKA TAK
BUT FIRST WE HAVE TO DEFEAT THE ENEMY AT HAND!
HA!
BOING
SYSTEMS SET TO FULL POWER!
ZRRRMM
I'M TUNED UP!
READY OR NOT...
...HERE I COME, DEN!

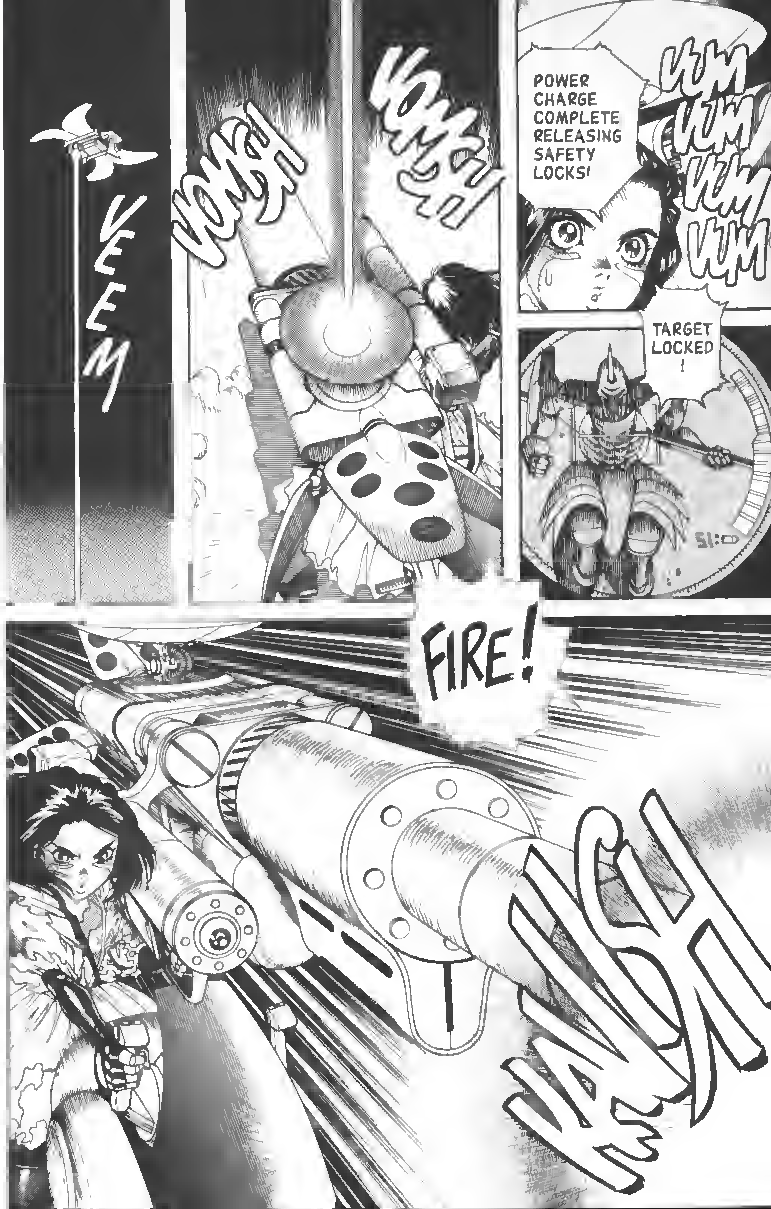
uff
uff
uff
OW!
SMP
uff
uff
uff
B-BUT
I'M NOT GIVING UP!
!
BUOF!
FURY!

AHAHAHA! WHERE'VE YOU BEEN, YOU SENILE OLD HOUND!?
WITH YOU HERE, I'VE GOT NOTHIN' TO WORRY ABOUT!
BUT WHAT ABOUT ALITA?
LET'S GO CHECK ON HER!
VRRMMM


JUST WHEN YOUR DEFEAT IS ASSURED. . .
. . .YOU REGAIN THE AID OF TIPHARES!
SO THIS IS DEN OF BARJACK!
KINDA DEMONIC LOOKING, IF YOU ASK ME!
SO YOU'VE BEEN PICKING ON MY ALITA, HAVE YOU?!
WELL, NOW THAT I'M HERE, YOUR DAYS AS A BULLY ARE OVER!
HEY! WILL YOU SET SERIOUS?
I'M DEAD SERIOUS! LET'S PULL OUT THE BIG GUN AND FINISH HIM OFF!
TOO MANY VIDEO GAMES. . .
COMMAND PHASE III, CODE TWS 93712-- ACTIVATE!
TAKKATAKKATAK


VOOOM
KACHA
KACHA
VWOOOOM

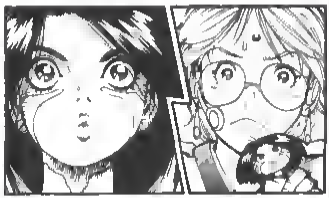
VOOOKSH
SOLENOID QUENCH GUN, STANDING BY !
CHAKA
Pop
UNGH...
AAAARGH!

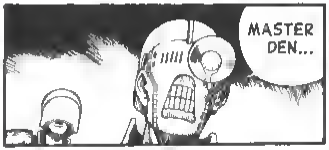

VEEM
WOOSH
VUM
POWER CHARGE COMPLETE RELEASING SAFETY LOCKS!
VUM VUM VUM VUM
TARGET LOCKED !
FIRE!

VOOM
BANG

BLOOST
BAM
BAM
BAM
BAM
BAM
BAM
BOOMKATOOM

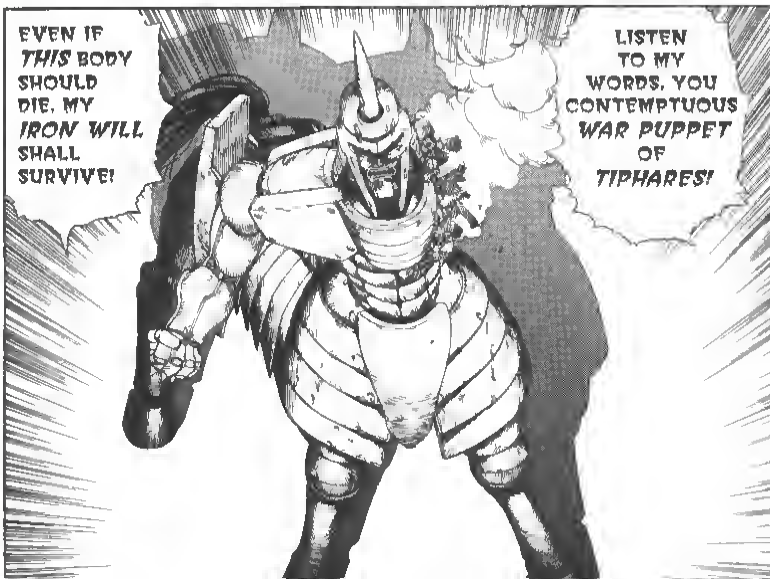
SKREEEE




MASTER DEN...

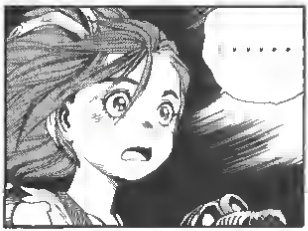
HE PLANS TO SACRIFICE HIMSELF.

VRUUM
VROOM


EVEN IF *THIS* BODY SHOULD DIE, MY *IRON WILL* SHALL SURVIVE!
LISTEN TO MY WORDS, YOU CONTEMPTUOUS *WAR PUPPET* OF *TIPHARES!*

BLAM
SKRAAK

SKRESHK
AHH!
MASTER DEN!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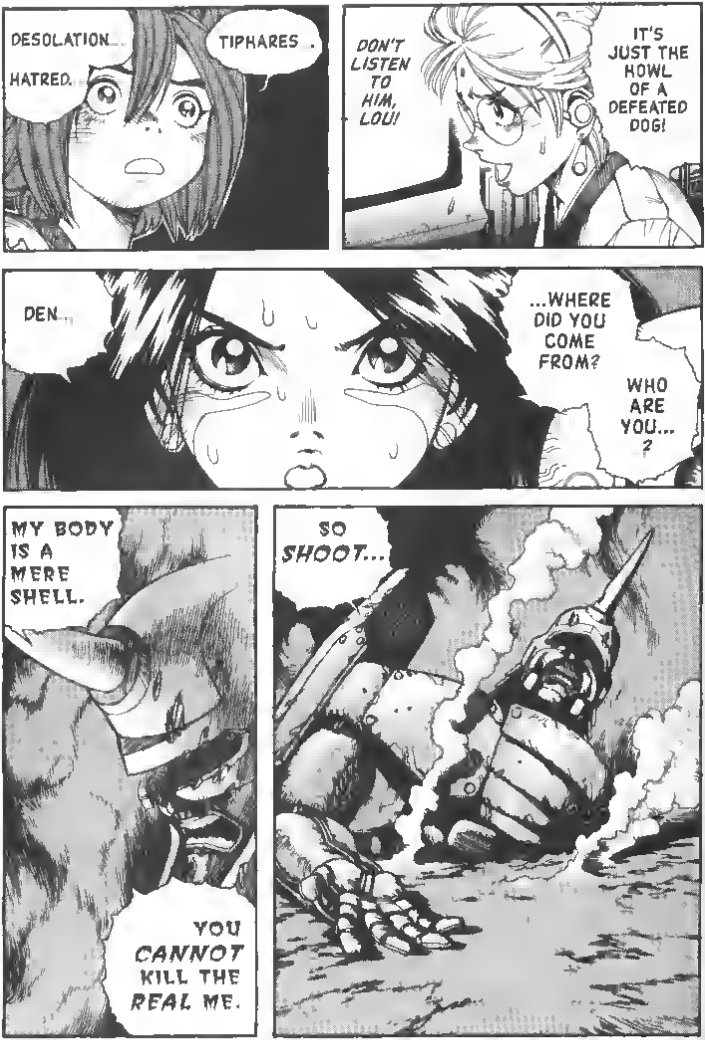
HOW DARE A VILLAIN LIKE HIM ACT SO RIGHTEOUS!
LET'S FINISH HIM OFF AND HAVE SOME TEA, ALITA!

LISTEN, PEOPLE OF TIPHARES... THROUGH THE *ANGEL OF DEATH'S* EARS...
MY VOICE REPRESENTS THE *SURFACE DWELLER'S ANGER*...

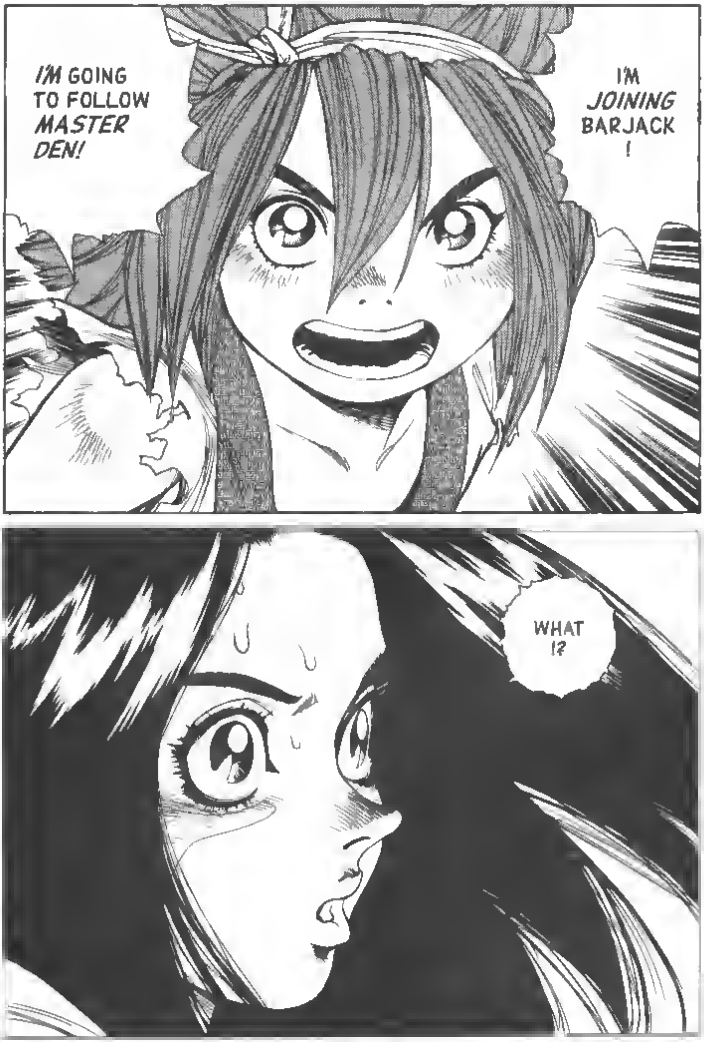
...THE VOICE OF SUFFERING THOUSANDS WHO *DIED* SERVING THE TIPHAREAN FACTORIES--
--*DIED* TO PRESERVE YOUR *LUXURIES!*

ALL THE DESOLATION AND RUIN ON THE SURFACE! ALL THE HATRED AND SADNESS! IT WAS ALL BECAUSE OF TIPHARES!
NEVER FORGET-- THE DAY OF RETRIBUTION IS COMING, THIEVES OF OUR SKY!


DESOLATION...
HATRED...
TIPHARES...
DON'T LISTEN TO HIM, LOU!
IT'S JUST THE HOWL OF A DEFEATED DOG!
DEN...
...WHERE DID YOU COME FROM?
WHO ARE YOU...?
MY BODY IS A MERE SHELL.
YOU CANNOT KILL THE REAL ME.
SO SHOOT...

ENJOY THE BRIEF TASTE OF VICTORY.
BUT WE WILL MEET AGAIN... YOKO.
TACH
TUP TUP
!

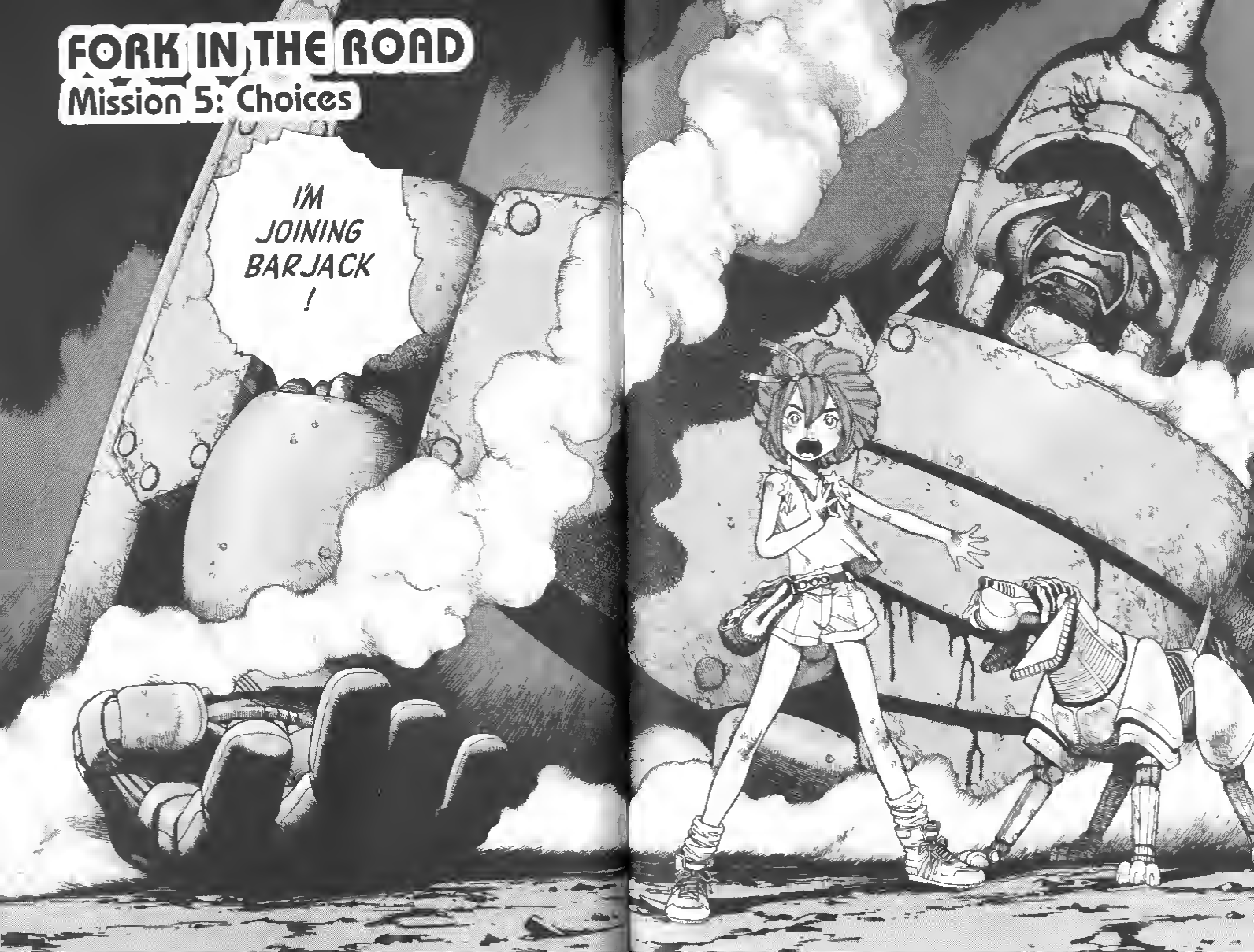
DON'T SHOOT, ALITA !
KOYOMI! GET OUT OF THE WAY! IT'S DANGEROUS!
WHAT HE'S SAYING IS TRUE! IT'S TIPHARES THAT'S BAD!


I'M GOING TO FOLLOW MASTER DEN!
I'M JOINING BARJACK !
WHAT !?

FORK IN THE ROAD
Mission 5: Choices

KOYOMI...
SHAAAAOOOO
THE BARJACK ARE THE BAD GUYS!
DON'T BE FOOLISH! PLEASE-- GET OUT OF MY WAY!
BE A GOOD GIRL.
STOP TREATING ME LIKE A LITTLE KID!
I CAN MAKE MY *OWN* DECISIONS!
WHEN I HEARD DEN'S WORDS, I STARTED TO CRY!

FORK IN THE ROAD
Mission 5: Choices



IF THE ONES LIVING IN TIPHARES ARE PEOPLE AND NOT GODS...
...THEN THIS WORLD HAS TO CHANGE!
!
CH...
CHANGE THE WORLD...!? YOU THINK A LITTLE KNOW-NOTHING BRAT LIKE YOU HAS THE RIGHT TO SAY THAT!?

UNH
THIS ISN'T A GAME! IF YOU DON'T STEP ASIDE IN THREE SECONDS...
...I'LL SHOOT!
ALITA, PLEASE! CALM DOWN!
THE SOLENOID QUENCH GUN WILL SURELY FINISH OFF DEN IN ONE SHOT-- BUT THAT LITTLE GIRL WILL GET CAUGHT IN THE BLAST AS WELL!
SHUT UP! ONE!
FULUMP
I'M ALWAYS WILLING TO GAMBLE!
I BET YOU WON'T FIRE!
I'M NOT SURE...
.. BUT I'M NOT GONNA BACK DOWN!

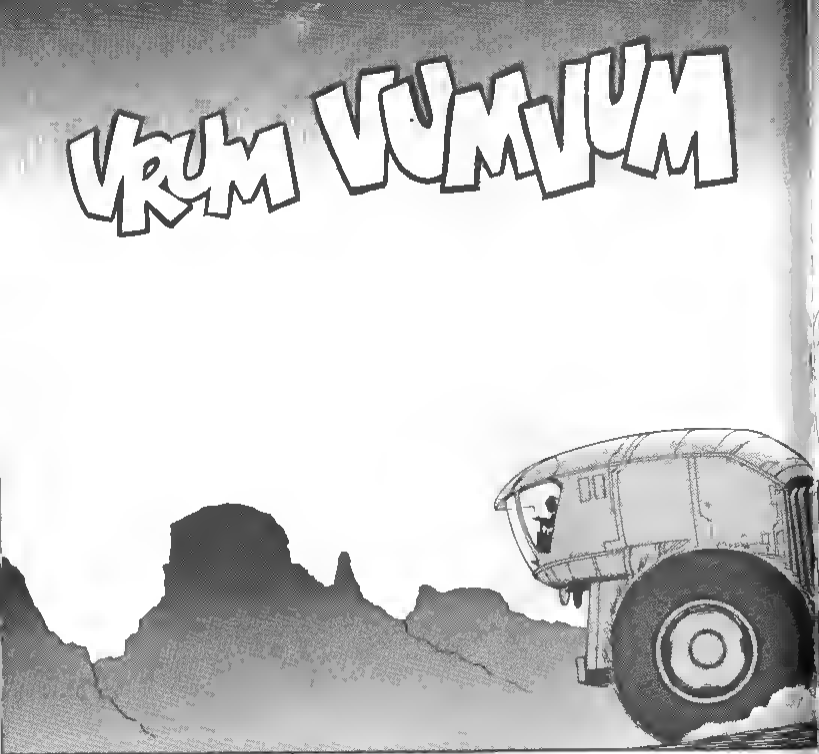
.....
TWO !
WHAT NERVE! SHE MUST BE A SAGITTARIUS.
uff
hff
HEH...
QUITE UNEXPECTED...
HAHAHA
...SUCH A SMALL CAVALRY TO MY RESCUE!
WELCOME TO THE BARJACK!
WELCOME YOU, LITTLE SOLDIER
MASTER DEN!

BUT KNOW THIS-- THE NEXT TIME WE MEET...
...I'LL SHOOT-- WITHOUT HESITATION
!

HA-HA...
AHA-HAHA HAHA HA!
YOU WIN, KOYOMI.
SUUUUUP
IF THAT'S THE PATH YOU CHOOSE, I'LL RESPECT YOUR CHOICE.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME.
ALL ROADS END UP SOMEWHERE, RIGHT?
HA-HA-HA...
VOOM
I'LL SETTLE WITH DEN ANOTHER TIME.

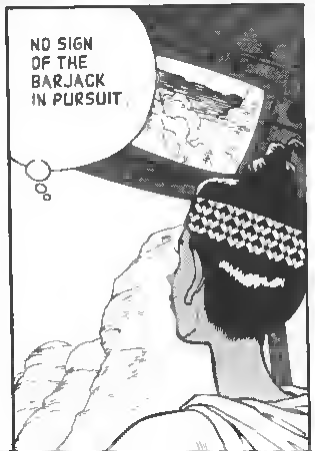
VWOOOM
VWOOP
VRRR
RMMM

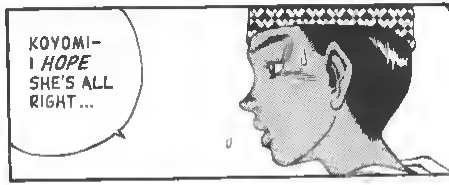
SHAAASH!
GASP
GASP
GASP
IF THE ONES LIVING IN TIPHARES ARE PEOPLE AND NOT GODS--
--THEN THIS WORLD HAS TO CHANGE!


VRUM VUMVUM

RADIO K.A.O.S.

VARUMM


NO SIGN OF THE BARJACK IN PURSUIT

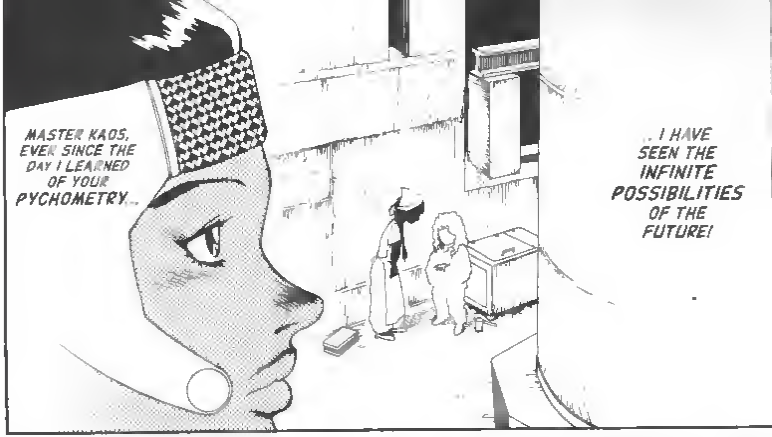

KOYOMI- I *HOPE* SHE'S ALL RIGHT...

BUT MY FIRST -MY *ONLY*- PRIORITY IS TO *PROTECT* MASTER KAOS!

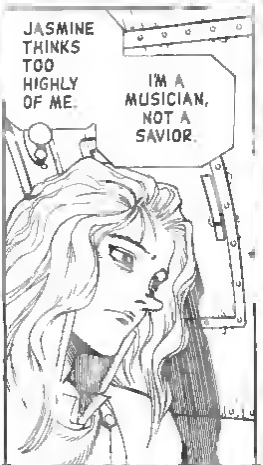
AH!
FWUP
. . . .
OH, MASTER KAOS! YOU'RE AWAKE!
JASMINE! WHAT HAPPENED!? OEN?
NO NEED TO WORRY— WE'VE LEFT THEM BEHIND!
I USED TO THINK DEN OF BARJACK WAS A REASONABLE MAN, BUT NOW HE'S BECOME VIOLENT...
FOR THE TIME BEING, I THOUGHT IT BEST TO HEAD TO YOUR FATH—ER— TO PROFESSOR NOVA'S LABORATORY
VARUMP
EVEN IF DEN DOES PURSUE US, YOU SHOULD BE SAFE THERE

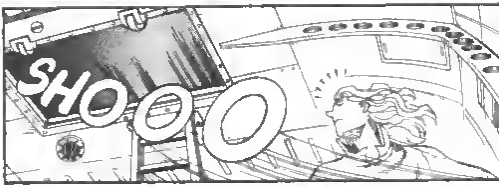
I SEE..
WHERE'S YOKO?
YOU MEAN ALITA ?
SHE STAYED BEHIND TO HOLD THEM OFF.
ALSO, KOYOMI JUMPED SHIP.
YOU MEAN TO TELL ME..
YOU LEFT MY BELOVED YOKO BEHIND!?
GO BACK !
TURN THIS VEHICLE ARDUND! GO RESCUE HER!
MASTER KAOS!

WHAP!
.....
OUCH...
HMP
HOW CAN YOU BE SO SELFISH!?
THERE'S FAR MORE AT STAKE HERE THAN YOUR LOVE LIFE!
YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO HIT ME
NOW, PLEASE— GO BACK THERE AND FIX THE EQUIPMENT YOU BROKE! WE HAVE A BROADCAST TO DO TONIGHT!
O-OKAY..


MASTER KAOS, EVER SINCE THE DAY I LEARNED OF YOUR PYCHOMETRY...
. . I HAVE SEEN THE INFINITE POSSIBILITIES OF THE FUTURE!

YOUR ABILITY TO LEARN THE TRUTH ABOUT THE PAST BY MERELY TOUCHING AN OBJECT--
--MAKES RADIO K.A.O.S. THE SMALLEST OF BEGINNINGS! YOU CAN CHANGE THE WORLD! AND YOU MUST--MUST--BE STRONGER!


JASMINE THINKS TOO HIGHLY OF ME.
I'M A MUSICIAN, NOT A SAVIOR.


SHOOO

SWAWOOO
?
THAT'S ODD. .
WASN'T THIS HATCH CLOSED EARLIER. . .?

!
JASMINE!
?
SLUKT

SWEET FRUIT OF LIFE
Mission 6: Duality

ЖАДА

SHAAAAA
K-KAOS..!
SKREEK

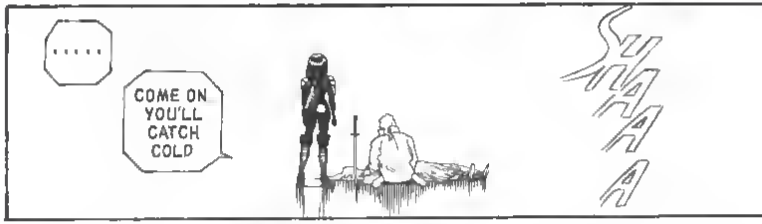
DO YOU THINK THIS WAS AN ACCIDENT, ALITA?
NO.. I SOMETHING'S NOT RIGHT..
KA-SKRAK
SHAAAA
!

IT'S THOSE NINJAS! THEY MUST HAVE ATTACKED KAOS!
WHO COULD HAVE DEFEATED THESE CYBERNETICALLY ENHANCED ASSASSINS.?
IT'S A MAGNIFICENT CUT!
SHAAAA

KAOS !
HE'S ALIVE...
THANK GOD..
THIS KATANA ..
DID YOU DEFEAT THOSE NINJAS?
JASMINE !
SHE- SHE'S DEAD..

SHAAAAA

YOUR DRESS IS ALL TATTERED..
...BUT I STILL THINK IT SUITS HER BETTER.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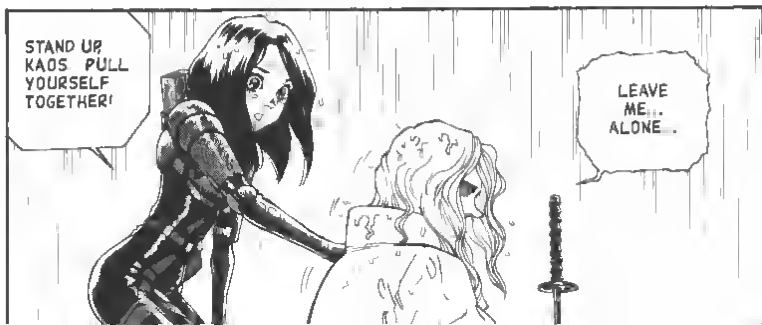
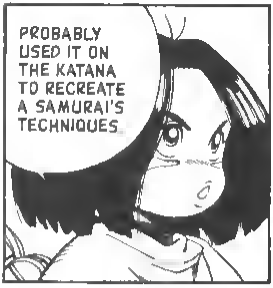
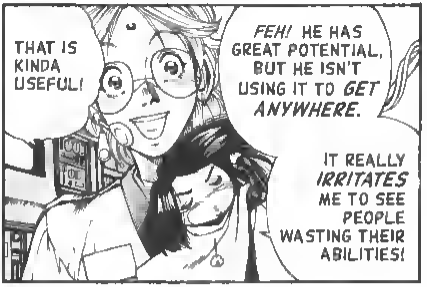
COME ON YOU'LL CATCH COLD
SHAAA


STAND UP KAOS PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER!
LEAVE ME... ALONE...

MY HOUSE— DESTROYED...
...MY ANTENNAE— BROKEN.
I'M FINISHED.

SO THIS IS KAOS² DOESN'T LOOK VERY STRONG... HANDSOME THO
AS YOU CAN SEE.
HE'S A *WEAKLING* BUT HE DOES HAVE THAT *PSYCHO-METRY* OF HIS


PROBABLY USED IT ON THE KATANA TO RECREATE A SAMURAI'S TECHNIQUES


THAT IS KINDA USEFUL!
FEH! HE HAS GREAT POTENTIAL, BUT HE ISN'T USING IT TO *GET ANYWHERE.*
IT REALLY *IRRITATES* ME TO SEE PEOPLE WASTING THEIR ABILITIES!

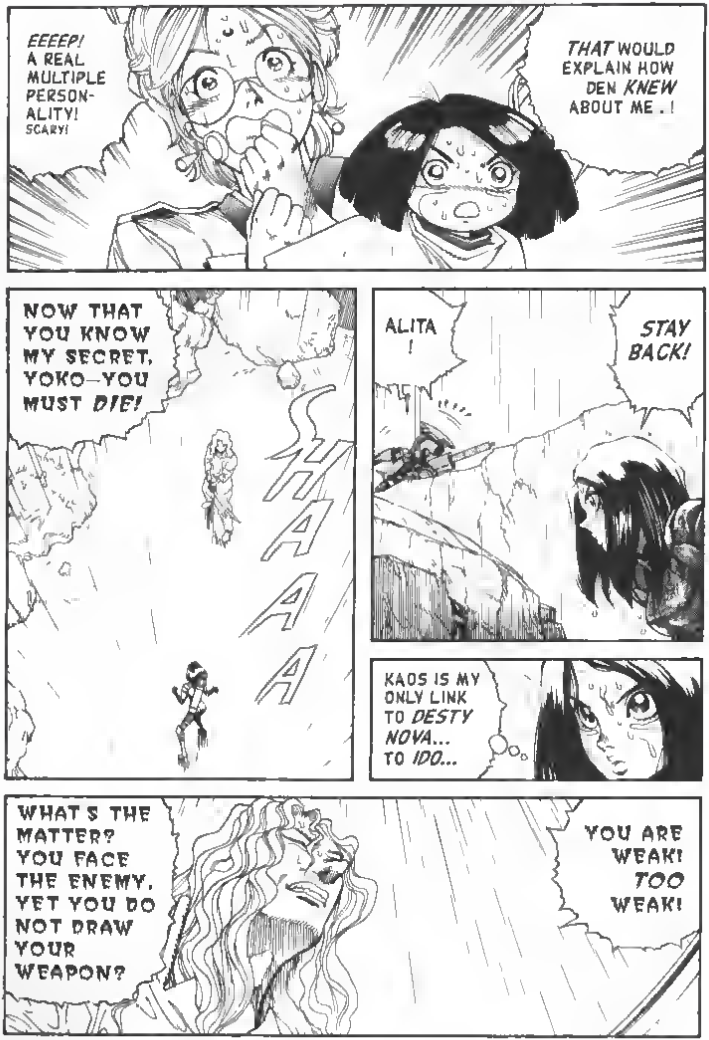
SHUP
TOOM
SHAAA
IN ANY EVENT, WE HAVE TO BURY JASMINE

SKRANG
NNNGH!
SKEEE
K-
KAOS
!?

FUU
SKAAASH
I CAN *FEEL* HIS INTENSE BATTLE AURA...
IT'S JUST LIKE-
WMP TMP
AH!
SKRAK

EEK!
THIS IS A NORMAL MAN'S ATTACK!
W-WAIT! KAOS, WHAT'S GOING ON!?
KAOS IS...
...ASLEEP IN HERE.
D-DID YOU JUST USE A REAL VOICE!?
HEH, HEH...
I SUPPOSE IT'S POINTLESS TO HIDE IT ANY LONGER.

I AM THE REAL DEN!
YOU HAVE BEEN FIGHTING NOTHING BUT A REMOTE-CONTROLLED *SLAVE UNIT.* RUN FROM THIS TRANSMITTER EMBEDDED IN MY CHEST!
KAOS IS NOTHING MORE THAN A "ROOMMATE" TO ME. OF COURSE, HE DOESN'T KNOW ABOUT THIS.
HE IS A *WEAK* MAN. BUT HAD HIS USES—SO I LET HIM BE.
BUT NOW *I'M* TAKING CONTROL!


EEEEP! A REAL MULTIPLE PERSON-ALITY! SCARY!
THAT WOULD EXPLAIN HOW DEN KNEW ABOUT ME..!
NOW THAT YOU KNOW MY SECRET, YOKO—YOU MUST DIE!
HAAA
ALITA!
STAY BACK!
KAOS IS MY ONLY LINK TO DESTY NOVA... TO IDO...
WHAT'S THE MATTER? YOU FACE THE ENEMY, YET YOU DO NOT DRAW YOUR WEAPON?
YOU ARE WEAK! TOO WEAK!

IT'S TRUE THAT YOU AND YOUR PANZER KUNST ARE AN INCREDIBLE WEAPON.
BUT IN THE BATTLE LAST NIGHT, YOU SHOWED A MOMENT OF WEAKNESS—AND NEARLY LOST YOUR LIFE.
THAT IS BECAUSE YOU ARE A WOMAN!
IN THE LAST MOMENTS, YOU SHOWED DESIRE! YOU PRAYED FOR YOUR LIFE! THAT IS YOUR WEAKNESS!
ERRG.

YOU MAY BE RIGHT, DEN OF BARJACK.
I CAN'T LOSE MYSELF IN BATTLE LIKE I USED TO.
WHY? PERHAPS I GOT A TASTE OF THE SWEET FRUIT OF LIFE...
...BUT, HAVING TASTED IT-
I'M NOT GIVING IT UP TO ANYONE!
FOK
BY FEARING DEATH, YOU FAIL AS A WARRIOR!

I HAVE NO PYCHOMETRIC ABILITY, BUT WHAT KAOS HAS ALREADY LEARNED, I TOO KNOW.
THIS BLADE BELONGED TO THE SAMURAI MASTER RYUKISAI TACHIBANA*. YOU SHALL DIE THROUGH HIS SPECIAL TECHNIQUES!
RMBRMBRMB
BABOOM

*RYUKISAI TACHIBANA: A MASTER AT AGE NINETEEN, WHO LIVED DURING JAPAN'S FEUDAL ERA. HE IS SAID TO HAVE CLIMBED A HIGH MOUNTAIN TO LEARN HIS ULTIMATE TECHNIQUE FROM A THUNDER GOD. EVENTUALLY, HE WAS KILLED BY LIGHTNING.

THE DAM- IT BURST! THERE'S A FLOOD COMING!
ALITA! PLEASE- RUN AWAY!
WOOOOM

KAKANG

FWOOSH
WAAAH! ALITA! LOOK OUT!
SHOOM

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